



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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Gene Hamilton
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RE: FOIA Request No. 23-02386-F

Dear Gene Hamilton:

This letter is in response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated July 27, 2023 and received in this office on July 27, 2023.

You requested the following: "White House Directive for OCR to Appoint Coordinator to Advise Localities on Book Challenges (see attached)

The timeframe for each of the following items is January 1, 2022, to the date each item is processed.

A. All records regarding or relating to the Biden Administration's plan, announced on June 8, 2023, for "the Department of Education [to] appoint a new coordinator to address the growing threat that book bans pose for the civil rights of students."

B. All calendar items containing the terms "Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment" or "PPRA."

C. All records containing the terms "book bans" or "banning books" or "book challenges" or "challenged books."

D. All communications to and from any email account ending in "ala.org" or "nea.org" or "aft.org" or "eop.gov".

In order to process your request more effectively, we need clarification of the information that you requested. The information needed is as follows:

Please clarify if the topics you mentioned in elements A, B and C, also apply to the communications you are seeking for element D. If not, please provide a topic/subject of the documents and/or search terms for element D.

Please provide the clarification and additional information requested above within ten (10) business days from the date of this letter. Once we receive the information, we will assign your request to the appropriate office(s) to search for documents responsive to your request.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center (FSC) at 202-401-8365 or EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

ED FOIA Manager
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