



THE FIVE STONES VENTURE, INC.

February 23, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: [sbailey@enfield.org](mailto:sbailey@enfield.org)

Sheila M. Bailey  
Clerk, Town of Enfield  
820 Enfield St.  
Enfield, CT 06082

Dear Clerk Bailey,

Please be advised that The Five Stones Venture, Inc. is a nonprofit organization focused on civil rights advocacy and education. One or more of our members is a resident of the State of Connecticut and in accordance with the “Connecticut Freedom of Information Act” we are requesting the production of public records. In accordance with General Statutes § 1-212, we request that the documents be produced electronically and **that the fee for production be waived, as compliance with this request benefits the general welfare** (please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWeoQ0zcGM> – numerous parents demonstrated significant concern and proposed questions to the Board of Education on February 8, 2022, regarding policies and procedures with respect to the school’s curriculum and these records would shed necessary light on these issues and provide the answers that the public is looking for).

The specific records being sought are:

1. All communications from the following Enfield, CT public officials: **Superintendent Christopher Drezek, Jean Acree, Dr. Gerald Calnen, Joshua Hamre, Janet Cushman, Jonathan LeBlanc, Tina LeBlanc, Amanda Pickett, Scott Ryder, John Unghire**, between the time period of:

**October 1, 2021 through February 23, 2022**

containing the following key words and/or phrases, and any abbreviations thereof: **“social and emotional learning,” “SEL,” “diversity, equity, and inclusion,” “sexual education,” “pizza and consent,” “Al**

**Vernacchio,” “ESSER,” “privilege,” “white privilege,” “white fragility,” “transformative,” “liberation” and “pizza assignment”**. The scope of these communications is not limited to communications between the above-named public officials, but should also include “the people who reached out to” the superintendent (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWeoQ0zcGM> at 14:23), including any teachers, staff, parents, etc. and any other communications with the above-named officials regarding the subject matter listed above. Nor should the communications produced contain only electronic mail, but also any phone calls that were recorded, phone records and text messages if sent via a town-issued phone and subject to production under the FOIA (Docket FIC 2014-309, <https://portal.ct.gov/FOI/Decisions/Final-Decisions-2015/FD2014-309> provides an opinion regarding public messages subject to production). For example, at the Feb. 8, 2022, meeting, Superintendent Drezek stated that the “person who made the mistake jumped ahead of it before I was even notified that it had happened.” Communication such as this (and any other communications responsive to this request) would be of great public importance and would allow the concerned parents to know the date and time of the communications, the content and substance of the communications if made in writing or recorded and, if not, the length of the phone call between the parties.

If any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production, please itemize the exemptions that you are claiming by providing sufficient identifying information and the exemption upon which you are relying.

Again, in lieu of producing physical records, I am asking that the requested documents be sent in electronic format to the following email address:  
**theFSV@protonmail.com.**

The Connecticut Freedom of Information Act requires a response within four business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Sincerely,



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President and Lead Attorney,  
The Five Stones Venture, Inc.