



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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Sam Gilford
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Washington, 20005

RE: FOIA Request No. 20-02277-F

Dear Sam Gilford:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated August 19, 2020 and received in this office on August 19, 2020. Your request was sent to the following offices: Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of the Under Secretary (OUS), Office of Postsecondary Education, and Federal Student Aid (FSA)

FSA and OPE provided responsive documents. OS was unable to locate responsive documents. OUS is still searching for responsive documents.

You requested: Any communication between or among Diane Auer Jones, Mitchell Zais, Michael Frola, Robert King and Herman Bounds, regarding the Dream Center, Dream Center Education Holdings, the Art Institutes, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, or the Higher Learning Commission from November 1, 2017 to the date of this request.

Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 2,294 pages of documents provided by FSA responsive to your request. The documents provided are communications regarding Michael Frola and any of the organizations listed in your request.

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<https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx>

However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA exemptions (b)(4) (b)(5), (b)(6), specified below:

- Proprietary information has been withheld under exemption (b)(4) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 of the FOIA. These provisions require us to withhold proprietary information, which, if disclosed, is likely to cause substantial competitive harm.
- Records or portions of records relating to certain intra-agency information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) of the FOIA. This exemption permits the withholding of inter- or intra-agency information that could be withheld under civil

discovery, including information subject to the deliberative process, attorney-client, or attorney-work product privileges.

- Records or portions of records relating to personal information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Sincerely,

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