District of Columbia Public Schools

Annual Freedom of Information Act Report for Fiscal Year 2015
October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015

FOIA Officer Reporting: Eboni J. Govan

**PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS**

1. Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……………...................112
2. Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2014……………………………………7
3. Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2015……………………………7
4. The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2015 ……………………………………………………………………………………18.7

**DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS**

5. Number of requests granted, in whole ……………………………………………………..45
6. Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part ……………………………………21
7. Number of requests denied, in whole ……………………………………………………..14
8. Number of requests withdrawn ……………………………………………………………2
9. Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies ……………………10
10. Other disposition ……………………………………………………………………………20

**NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION**

11. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1) …………………………………………3
12. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2) …………………………………………21
   - Subcategory (A) ………………………………………………………………………...0
   - Subcategory (B) ………………………………………………………………………...0
   - Subcategory (C) ………………………………………………………………………...4
   - Subcategory (D) ………………………………………………………………………...0
   - Subcategory (E) ………………………………………………………………………...1
   - Subcategory (F) ………………………………………………………………………...0
14. Exemption 4 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) …………………………………………12
15. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5) …………………………………………0
   Subcategory (A)………………………………………………………………………………6
   Subcategory (B)……………………………………………………………………………0
17. Exemption 7 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(7)……………………………………………..0
18. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)……………………………………………..0
19. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)……………………………………………0
20. Exemption 10 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(10)………………………………………..0
22. Exemption 12 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(12)………………………………………..0

**TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS**

23. Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days……………………………………61
24. Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days………………………..28
25. Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more………………………………23
26. Median number of days to process FOIA Requests……………………………………28

**RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS**

27. Number of staff hours devoted to processing FOIA requests………………….2553
28. Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests……….$118,833.43

**FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS**

29. Total amount of fees collected by public body………………………………………0

**PROSECUTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(d) OF THE D.C. FOIA**

30. Number of employees found guilty of a misdemeanor for arbitrarily or capriciously violating any provision of the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act …………0

**QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Pursuant to section 208(a)(9) of the D.C. FOIA, provide in the space below or as an attachment, “[a] qualitative description or summary statement, and conclusions drawn from the data regarding compliance [with the provisions of the Act].” See Attachment.
DCPS continues to receive a significant number of voluminous requests. During FY 2015, DCPS appointed a new FOIA officer, increased the amount of human capital resources used for processing FOIA requests, and engaged in increased outreach with agency representatives who are responsible for performing FOIA searches. As a result, DCPS experienced a 65% increase in the number of requests processed within statutorily prescribed time limits. In FY 2015, 79% of all FOIA requests were processed within statutorily prescribed time limits (up from 46% in FY 2014). DCPS will continue to improve the ways in which resources are expended to achieve timely processing of all FOIA requests.