

Natick Public Schools

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Here is the first response and below is the second response after a complaint was filed with public records due to the high cost.

March 10, 2016

RE: Public Records Request

On March 9, 2016, I received a letter from you requesting copies of documentation related to:

- Documentation evidencing attorneys' fees and costs . . .
- Copies of any insurance policies and agreements . . .
- Copies of all agreements entered into by Natick with parents and guardians, as part of the IEP process. . .
- Copies of the most recent IEP's . . .

While it is the School District's intent to comply with your request, given the number of documents requested and the amount of staff time necessary to compile said documents, we are unable to waive the fees associated with the service. Therefore, in accordance with 950 CMR 32.06 (2), I am providing you with the following estimate as to the anticipated fees you will be assessed for your records request.

1. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and 950 CMR 32.06 (1)(a), you will be charged 20 cents per page for photocopies of public records. The school district estimates your request requires 690 photocopies to be made at a total cost of \$138.00.
2. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and 950 CMR 32.06 (1)(e), you will be charged a prorated fee of \$27.06 per hour for the search and segregation of non-computerized records. The school district estimates your request requires 57.5 hours of search and segregation time at a total cost of \$2130.95.

Based on the estimated fees contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the total estimated charge you will be assessed for copies of records you requested in your letter of March 6, 2016 is \$2,268.95. Please contact my office at your earliest convenience to confirm your request and provide us with a check in this amount made payable to the Natick Public Schools before we process your request.

Sincerely,

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March 23, 2016

RE: Public Records Request

Dear _____

We have revised our estimate provided to you on March 10, 2016 based upon recent changes to the law, specifically 930 CMR 32.06 (Fees for Copies of Public Records). We have also determined that student Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) are not considered public records, therefore, cannot be provided to you as part of your request.

Further, per your request, please note that Natick Public schools has no insurance that is "liable to satisfy all or part of the attorney fees and costs...for matters related to the education of students pursuant to the IDEA".

Please find below a new cost estimate:

In accordance with 950 CMR 32.06 (2), I am providing you with the following estimate as to the anticipated fees you will be assessed for your records request.


1. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and 950 CMR 32.06 (1)(a), you will be charged 5 cents per page for photocopies of public records. The school district estimates your request requires 300 photocopies to be made at a total cost of \$15.00.
2. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and 950 CMR 32.06 (1)(e), you will be charged a prorated fee of \$27.06 per hour for the search and segregation of non-computerized records. The school district estimates your request requires 25 hours of search and segregation time at a total cost of \$677.00.

Based on the estimated fees contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the total estimated charge you will be assessed for copies of records you requested in your letter of March 6, 2016 is \$692.00.

Please contact my office at your earliest convenience to confirm your request and provide us with a check in this amount made payable to the Natick Public Schools before we process your request.

Enclosed is the check that you submitted for the original estimate.

Sincerely,


Peter Sanchioni