

October 23, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Re: **Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Our File #: *EECD/065/2017*)**

On October 5, 2017, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All correspondence in 2016 and 2017 including emails, memos, letters, minutes, etc., between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, including the Minister, and the members and officials of the Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes concerning deaf and hard of hearing students in Newfoundland and Labrador schools."

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request, the responsive record is enclosed.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-1841 or by e-mail at brianevans@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Evans', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brian Evans, CIPP/C
Director, Policy and Information Management
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Jackman, Paulette
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Philpott, David
Cc: Ottenheimer, Bernie
Subject: Requested Numbers

Hi;

As per our recent meetings, here are the requested numbers.

Personnel:

Itinerants for the Blind and Visually Impaired: 9

Orientation and Mobility Specialist: 1 (Hired by APSEA with salary covered by EECD)

Itinerants for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 18

Auditory Verbal Therapist: 2 (one is hired by NLESD and one is hired by EECD)

Caseloads:

Children receiving direct or consultative services from the Itinerant for the Blind and Visually Impaired: 123 (16 preschoolers, 107 school-age)

School age children receiving direct instruction from the Orientation and Mobility Specialist: 38

School age children receiving consultative services from the Orientation and Mobility Specialist: 36

Children receiving direct or consultative services from the Itinerant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 325 (14 preschoolers, 311 school-age)

School age children receiving direct or consultative services from an Auditory Verbal Therapist: 35

Regards,

Paulette Jackman

Consultant

Student Support Services

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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