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Dear Dr. Walts:

I write pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Va. Code § 2.2-3700, *et seq.*, to request copies from the Prince William County Public Schools of all documents pertaining to the following:

1. The district's use of internet filtering software to block websites that fall into the category of "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar category at high schools in the district;
2. The district's use of internet filter software to block the following websites:

Day of Silence: <http://dayofsilence.org>
The Trevor Project: <http://thetrevorproject.org/>
GSA Network: <http://gsanetwork.org/>
Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network: <http://glsen.org/>
The It Gets Better Project: <http://www.itgetsbetter.org/>
3. Any requests to block or unblock specific websites and the resolution of such requests;
4. Which categories of websites were selected to be blocked pursuant to the default configuration of the internet filtering software (i.e. the configuration in place at the time the software was initially installed);
5. Who made the decision to activate the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar filter category, when the decision was made, and any communications concerning that decision;
6. The internet filtering provider(s)' knowledge that the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar filter category had been (or would be) enabled on the district's internet filtering software;
7. Communications between the internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of Greenville County Schools concerning which categories of websites had been (or would be) blocked;

8. Contracts and agreements, including service and maintenance agreements, between the internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of Greenville County Schools.

Please respond within five business days as required by FOIA. If any of these documents are available electronically, please e-mail them to me at rglenberg@acluva.org. Otherwise, please mail the documents to me at the above address.

If the cost of the copies is expected to exceed \$50, please let me know the estimated cost before filling this request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or at (804) 644-8080. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rebecca K. Glenberg
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