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Dear Ms. Banfield:

I acknowledge receipt of your November 28, 2018 email, which contained approximately 54 requests for information, portions of which seek documents under NH RSA 91-A. We will review your requests and provide any governmental records which are responsive to your requests. However, I wish to clarify again that regardless of what activities or initiatives other school districts in the state of NH may or may not engage in relative to social emotional learning, the Merrimack School District does not conduct research on students' social emotional health and provides no information whatsoever to any outside agent. Further, regardless of whatever assessment components may be part of either of the two SEL programs that the Merrimack School District is currently evaluating for possible future implementation, this district does not and will not screen, diagnose or treat any student relative to social emotional learning. The currently piloted programs are entirely skill based, designed to enhance social and emotional learning skills so students can be college and career ready.

We anticipate that it will take approximately 30 days for our office to conduct the research necessary to determine the extent to which we have documents that are responsive to your November 28 request and not exempt under 91-A:5, and then produce them. I will contact you when these records, if any, are ready for your review and inspection. Please note that if you would like copies of any records, the District charges 25 cents per page for photocopies. The balance of the requests for information will be answered in the usual course, and if possible, in conjunction with our provision of any responsive documents.

In the meantime, our School District policies are available to you online at www.sau26.org.

Sincerely,



Marjorie C. Chiafery
Superintendent