

**From:** [Kathy Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Walters](#)  
**Cc:** [Gentner Drummond](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 4:27:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter\\_SDE Ryan Walters 07.16.2024.pdf](#)

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Superintendent Walters,

Please find attached correspondence from Attorney General Gentner Drummond.

Respectfully,

*Kathy Hubbard*

Executive Assistant  
Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General  
313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
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405.522.2975  
[kathy.hubbart@oag.ok.gov](mailto:kathy.hubbart@oag.ok.gov)



GENTNER DRUMMOND  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 16, 2024

Via US Mail and Email

State Superintendent Ryan Walters  
Oklahoma State Dep't of Educ.  
Oliver Hodge Bldg.  
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
ryan.walters@sde.ok.gov

**Re: Open Records Complaints**

Superintendent Walters,

As you are aware, I am committed to increasing openness, accountability, and transparency in state government. To that end, one of my priorities as Attorney General is to ensure that Oklahoma public bodies strictly comply with our state's Open Records Act ("Act").<sup>1</sup>

My office has received an alarming number of complaints about Open Records requests sent to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). According to the complaints, the requests are unanswered. Throughout my administration, my staff has contacted SDE representatives on several occasions regarding the complaints without substantive response. Often, the SDE has inconceivably also ignored these inquiries. SDE's inaction on these critical requests is unacceptable.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of unresolved Open Records complaints filed with my office. I expect that an SDE designee will expeditiously review the information and update my office as to the status of each request by meeting OAG representatives at my office on August 9, 2024. In lieu of meeting at my office on August 9, 2024, provide documentation to my office no later than the same date, showing that all outstanding requests have been produced to requesters. Additionally, because it has been a challenge to obtain a response from your office, identify all employees whom SDE has designated to comply with the Act. The Act requires SDE to "designate

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certain persons who are authorized to release records of the public body for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction,” and to make at least one of them “available at all times to release records during the regular business hours[.]” 51 O.S. § 24A.5(7). Consistent with this requirement, SDE should immediately assign someone to this important task full time. Your administration’s track record demonstrates a glaring lack of commitment to the Act’s public purpose and policy.

You and the SDE must strictly comply with the Act’s specific requirements, as well as its broader public policy of vesting the citizens with the inherent right to know their government. *See* 51 O.S. § 24A.2. Failure to comply may subject you, your agency, and staff to costly and unnecessary civil litigation as well as potential criminal liability.

If SDE believes any of the records requested are not subject to production under the Act, my office welcomes the opportunity to discuss those objections, and I invite you to contact my office’s Public Access Counselor, Anthony Sykes, at [Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov). I look forward to hearing from you and working with SDE to resolve these issues.

Respectfully



GENTNER DRUMMOND

*Oklahoma Attorney General*

Encl.

**From:** [Kathy Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Walters](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 4:42:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter\\_SDE Ryan Walters 07.16.2024.pdf](#)  
[Enclosure to SDE ORA Letter 07.16.2024.pdf](#)

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Please see attached correspondence from Attorney General Drummond along with an attachment.

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**To:** ryan.walters@sde.ok.gov  
**Cc:** Gentner Drummond (Gentner.Drummond@oag.ok.gov) <Gentner.Drummond@oag.ok.gov>  
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*Oklahoma Attorney General*

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#	Date of OAG Complaint	SDE Request Number	Requestor	Organization	Attachment
1	1/10/2023	23-008	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
2	1/10/2023	23-009	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
3	2/2/2023	23-064	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
4	2/2/2023	23-067	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
5	2/28/2023	23-151	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
6	3/27/2023	23-148	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
7	3/28/2023	23-152	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
8	3/28/2023	23-153	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
9	5/25/2023	23-227	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
10	5/25/2023	23-231	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
11	5/25/2023	23-235	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
12	5/26/2023	23-236	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
13	6/7/2023	23-262	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
14	6/21/2023	23-284	Hank Cavagnaro	Griffin	1
15	6/28/2023	23-302	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
16	7/27/2023	23-357	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
17	8/28/2023	23-425	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2

18	9/21/2023	23-494	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
19	9/28/2023	23-504	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
20	9/28/2023	23-505	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
21	10/5/2023	23-517	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
22	11/14/2023	23-575	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
23	12/15/2023	23-624	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
24	1/26/2024	24-046	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
25	1/26/2024	24-047	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
26	1/30/2024	24-051	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
27	1/30/2024	24-50	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
28	2/6/2024	24-065	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
29	3/12/2024	Unknown	John Neal	Oklahoma Eagle	4
30	3/14/2024	24-135	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
31	3/14/2024	24-136	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
32	3/18/2024	24-138	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
33	3/19/2024	24-078	Kathy Damrill	Fox 25	5
34	4/26/2024	24-192	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
35	5/13/2024	24-211	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3

36	5/30/2024	24-235	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
37	5/30/2024	24-236	Tyler Kincade	NBC Universal	2
38	5/30/2024	24-237	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
39	6/27/2024	24-280	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
40	6/27/2024	24-281	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
41	6/29/2024	24-287	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3
42	6/29/2024	24-288	Jennifer Palmer	Oklahoma Watch	3

**Attachment #1**  
**Griffin News Complaints**

## Anthony Sykes

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**From:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 2:49 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: News 9's Open Record request log

Mr. Sykes,

First off, thank you for your patience. I want to apologize for not getting this to you sooner.

I have been able to touch base with most of the requestors and there's not a single request on here that was fulfilled in full. As I mentioned on the phone, there have been some where we received portions of the request (usually in an email blast to all media) but not all of it.

Here's a link to all of the request my reporters have made me aware of. I'm not sure if there's been more since this

has been updated.  [OSDE ORR's for Asst. AG Sykes.xlsx](#)

Thank you,



**Hank Cavagnaro**  
Multimedia Storytelling Supervisor  
Office: 405.841.9162  
Cell/Text: 405.508.1255

FCC Nondiscrimination Notice: Griffin Media and its stations do not discriminate in advertising arrangements on the basis of race or ethnicity. Any arrangement entered into with an advertiser whose intent is to discriminate in such a manner shall be null and void. In compliance with FCC rules, broadcaster includes this nondiscrimination provision in all advertiser arrangements.

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**From:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 12:26 PM  
**To:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Subject:** RE: News 9's Open Record request log

You don't often get email from opengov@oag.ok.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hank,

Good to talk to you recently and glad to hear that everything is going great with the new baby. As I explained, I am reviewing some files and wanted to check status on these requests from 2023 and any other outstanding open records requests. I plan on finalizing my update on Monday at close of business so please have your information to me by then. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Anthony Sykes  
Assistant Attorney General  
Public Access Counselor  
405-522-2771

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**From:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 1:33 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Cc:** Carrie Winchel <carrie.winchel@griffin.news>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: News 9's Open Record request log

Hello again Mr. Sykes,

There are two reasons for my email today. First, I wanted to see if you have had time to review and check in on these requests. One of my employees noticed that OSDE has opened a position for someone to assist in fulfilling open record requests. Is this to help get some of these fulfilled? Second, I'm going to be on paternity leave and out of the office for the next two months. Carrie Winchel is CC'd on this email and will be the best person to communicate with while I am out.

I hope you're having a good end of the year and a happy holidays.

Thank you,



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**From:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Cc:** Carrie Winchel <carrie.winchel@griffin.news>  
**Subject:** Re: News 9's Open Record request log

Mr. Sykes,

No problem. Here's an updated link that will work until the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.



[OSDE ORR's for Asst. AG Sykes.xlsx](#)

I am going on paternity leave in about two weeks, so I have cc'd one of my colleagues Carrie Winchel on this email. If the link expires again, please let her know and she will be able to share it again.

Let me know how else I can help.

Thanks,



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**From:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:41 AM  
**To:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Subject:** RE: News 9's Open Record request log

**Caution:** This is an external email.

Mr. Cavagnaro,

As you explained earlier, the link below has expired. Can you refresh the link or are there any updates to the previous list?

Anthony Sykes  
Assistant Attorney General  
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405-522-2771

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**From:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2023 12:49 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: News 9's Open Record request log

Hello there,

I know it's been about a month, but I wanted to check in with you on where this all stands.

Thank you,



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**From:** Hank Cavagnaro <hank.cavagnaro@griffin.news>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:28 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Subject:** News 9's Open Record request log

Hello there,

Thank you for the phone call today. I appreciate you looking into this.

After looking closer at the requests, I realized only part of two items (Lines 14 and 16) was fulfilled. We received the funding agreement between the company and OSDE, but no internal communications surrounding the video were given. Also as I mentioned on the phone, this was sent out as an email list, not returned directly to the requestors listed.

Here's a link to our log of OSDE open records requests:

[OSDE ORR's for Asst. AG Sykes](#)

Unfortunately, this link expires in 21 days because of our security policy. Let me know if there's something else I can do.



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Date	Request number	Requester	Agency	Addressed to	Email	Phone	Sent via	Records requested
01/10/23, 9:21 AM	ORR #: 23-008	Haley Weger	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Everything on the investigation into Amanda Bristow from 2014-2017. All documents and video that was used in the investigation. Everything in the investigation into Amanda Charlene Bristow who was working in Ada and was charged with felony child abuse in 2014. -All internal communication
01/10/23, 9:29 AM	ORR #: 23-009	Haley Weger	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	-All records -Video of the incident Raymond Garner DOB 07/25/1991. Any disciplinary actions, complaints, accusations, or reports made regarding or against Garner over the course of his 33-year teaching career at Mustang High School.
02/02/23, 7:43 AM	ORR #: 23-064	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Jeffrey Landrith DOB 05/30/1971 Any disciplinary actions, complaints, accusations, or reports made regarding or against Landrith over the course of his time with Mustang Public Schools.
02/02/23, 11:07 AM	ORR #: 23-067	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	copies of all emails sent to parentwatch@sde.ok.gov
03/27/23, 1:07 PM	ORR #: 23-148	Haley Weger	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Any disciplinary actions, complaints, accusations, or reports made regarding or against Veronica Johnson over the course of employment with public schools.
03/28/23, 12:26 PM	ORR #: 23-151	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Any disciplinary actions, complaints, accusations, or reports made regarding or against Phil Koons during his time within Oklahoma Public Schools.
03/28/23, 12:28 PM	ORR #: 23-152	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Disciplinary actions, complaints, accusations, or reports made regarding or against Chuck Anglin.
03/28/23, 12:54 PM	ORR #: 23-153	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Any and all emails sent for the past 48 from noon on 5/25/23 with the word "press"
05/25/23, 11:53 AM	ORR #: 23-227	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Any and all information/ numbers/ data from the video that was created and shown in today's state board of education meeting. What was the cost of making this video? Who made this video?
05/25/23, 1:42 PM	ORR #: 23-231	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	Any and all emails sent by Matt Langston from the past week, any and all emails that use the word "press" from the past week and any all information from the new campaign released by the State Superintendent. The campaign was released on 5/25/23. How much went into creating this campaign? Who created it? Who paid for it?
05/26/23, 10:58 AM	ORR #: 23-235	Tevis Hillis	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	copies of public records that show the 1 cost to make the video that was shown at the May 25, 2023 Board of Education meeting, 2 any internal communication discussing the video, 3 any external communication discussing the video, 4 any communication between any state employees and 'precision outreach', 5 any communication that mentioned an individual named 'Jess Alan Fields', 6 any internal communication surrounding any other videos that would be for the new campaign Superintendent Walters mentioned in the 5-25-23 meeting.
05/26/23, 11:31 AM	ORR #: 23-236	Haley Weger	OSDE	Online Form			Online Form	

06/21/23, 3:35 PM	ORR #: 23-284	Matt McCabe	OSDE	OSDE	Online Form
6/29/2023		Hank Cavagnaro	OSDE	OSDE	Online Form
6/29/2023		Matt McCabe	OSDE		Online form
6-Jul		Tevis Hillis	OSDE		Online form

Email block policy. Requested Records: I am requesting a copy of the block policy for all emails received by addresses with an @sde.ok.gov domain. If no policy exists, I request a copy of all other rules filtering which emails are received by addresses with an @sde.ok.gov domain.

Under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, 51 §24A.1 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that show the funding documents regarding the Public service announcement released on June 29th 2023. Any communication between the State department of Education and Sersal Studios. Any internal communications discussing the making of the video and the content within the video.

I am requesting a copy of the records log maintained by the Oklahoma State Department of Education for all requests made in 2023.

All surveillance video from June 22, 2023 inside and outside the OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING.

**Attachment #2**  
**NBC Universal Complaints**

**Anthony Sykes**

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**From:** Kingkade, Tyler (NBCUniversal) <Tyler.Kingkade@nbcuni.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 5:55 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: From NBC News: Open records problems with OK Dept of Education

Hi Mr. Sykes,

I have not received any of the items I listed in April email. Each of them are for emails with specified keywords sent by certain department employees, with the exception of 23-494 and 23-505, which both seek work calendars/appointment schedules.

I have additional requests that have not been fulfilled either:

12/15/23	23-624
1/26/24	24-046
1/26/24	24-047
5/30/24	24-235
5/30/24	24-236

The last three requests above are for copies of the ORR logs, so presumably those could've been fulfilled immediately since my understanding is that they keep those in an excel/spreadsheet format and update them regularly.

Thank you,  
Tyler

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**From:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10:15 AM  
**To:** Kingkade, Tyler (NBCUniversal) <Tyler.Kingkade@nbcuni.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: From NBC News: Open records problems with OK Dept of Education

Tyler Kingkade,

I was wondering if you have received any responses to the open records requests in your email below? Also, could you provide a brief description of what your request concerned? Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Anthony Sykes  
Assistant Attorney General  
Public Access Counselor  
405-522-2771

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**From:** Kingkade, Tyler (NBCUniversal) <Tyler.Kingkade@nbcuni.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:48 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <Opengov@oag.ok.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] From NBC News: Open records problems with OK Dept of Education

Hello,

I am a national reporter at NBC News, based in Los Angeles. I frequently write about education policies and have covered the actions, policies and proposals from Oklahoma State Superintendent Ryan Walters and the Oklahoma State Board of Education over the past year.

As part of that reporting, I have submitted records requests to learn additional information beyond what has been released by Walters' office and the department.

However, while the Oklahoma Department of Education states that it strives to complete open records requests within 30 days, that has not been the case in my experience. And it has made it a practice to disregard inquiries for updates on my outstanding requests.

I draw your attention to the following pending Open Records Requests I have with the Oklahoma Department of Education:

- 23-262 (submitted 6/7/23);
- 23-262(submitted 6/7/23);
- 23-302 (submitted 6/28/23);
- 23-357 (submitted 7/27/23);
- 23-425 (submitted 8/28/23);
- 23-494 (submitted 9/21/23);
- 23-504 (submitted 9/28/23);
- 23-505 (submitted 9/28/23);
- 23-517 (submitted 10/5/23);
- 23-575 (submitted 11/14/23).

(I have additional requests submitted more recently that have also not been fulfilled, but for the time-being I am only pointing toward the oldest records requests.)

The designated open records coordinator for the department stopped responding to emails or phone calls last July.

Dan Isett, the department's spokesperson, has generally responded to my inquiries for updates, but not provided substantive information regarding when I should expect my open records requests to be fulfilled nor explained why there is such a lengthy delay. In some cases, I have now been waiting for 10 months on some records requests with no indication when I should expect the results.

We believe these delays amount to an unlawful denial of my open records requests. But we are very glad that your office has this new position of Public Access Counselor. We are reaching out to your office in hopes that your assistance could help us resolve this ongoing problem with the Oklahoma Department of Education.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,  
Tyler

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Tyler Kingkade



National Reporter | Los Angeles, CA  
[tyler.kingkade@nbcuni.com](mailto:tyler.kingkade@nbcuni.com) | 818.856.5875

**Attachment #3**  
**Oklahoma Watch Complaints**

## Anthony Sykes

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**From:** Jennifer Palmer <jpalmer@oklahomawatch.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 11:19 AM  
**To:** Anthony Sykes  
**Subject:** Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pending Records Requests OSDE as of 7/2/24

I updated the list and sent you another [link](#). Let me know if that doesn't work.

On Mon, Jul 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM Anthony Sykes <[Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov)> wrote:

Thank you!

Anthony Sykes  
Assistant Attorney General  
Public Access Counselor  
405-522-2771

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**From:** Jennifer Palmer (via Google Sheets) <[drive-shares-noreply@google.com](mailto:drive-shares-noreply@google.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Anthony Sykes <[Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Anthony.Sykes@oag.ok.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pending Records Requests OSDE as of 7/2/24

## Jennifer Palmer attached a spreadsheet



Jennifer Palmer ([jpalmer@oklahomawatch.org](mailto:jpalmer@oklahomawatch.org)) has attached the following spreadsheet:



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 Pending Records Requests OSDE as of 7/2/24

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Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA

You have received this email because [jpalmer@oklahomawatch.org](mailto:jpalmer@oklahomawatch.org) shared a spreadsheet with you from Google Sheets.

**Google Workspace**

#	REQUEST	DATE SENT	STATUS
24-288	Any/all contracts for legal services (pro bono or fee-based) from July 1, 2023 to present.	6/29/2024	Pending
24-287	Any/all recorded video/audio of Microsoft Teams meeting between David Martin and Mary Vought on 11/6/23 at 9:30 p.m. (Meeting ID: 269 228 801 604 Passcode: fHPRrm),	6/29/2024	Pending
24-281	Any/all emails, text messages or encrypted messages to/from Chaya Raichik and agency staff (including but not limited to Ryan Walters, Matt Langston). Also any emails containing key words "Chaya," "Raichik," "Chaya Raichik" and/or Libs of TikTok. Request timeframe is July 1, 2023 to the date this request is filled	6/27/2024	Pending
24-280	Receipt or other spending record for the little ghosts in jars given to reporters attending the June 27th Board of Education meeting	6/27/2024	Pending
24-237	Please provide a spreadsheet and/or electronic log of all door badge swipes into the department's building by Matt Langston from Jan. 9, 2023 to May 30, 2024. Please include the data, time, name and type of access granted upon each swipe.	5/30/2024	Denied under Oklahoma Open Records Act Section 24A.28 - Confidentiality of Information Relating to Terrorism
24-192	Communications with Vought Strategies/Mary Vought	4/26/2024	Provided emails but has not confirmed there are no text messages or encrypted messages responsive to request
24-138	Any/all resignation letters (whether print or electronic) submitted by agency employees between July 1, 2024, to the date this request is filed, including but not limited to David Martin, Bryan Cleveland, Andy Ferguson, and Ryan Pieper.	3/18/2024	Pending
24-136	The agency's management list (names of up to 5% of executive leadership staff) whose employment is at will on Jan. 1, 2023, Feb. 1, 2023, March 1, 2023, April 1, 2023, May 1, 2023, June 1, 2023, July 1, 2023, Aug. 1, 2023, Sept. 1, 2023, Oct. 1, 2023, Nov. 1, 2023, Dec. 1, 2023, Jan. 1, 2024, Feb. 1, 2024 and March 1, 2024.	3/14/2024	Pending
24-135	Ratification agreements between SDE and vendors Oct. 1, 2023 to March 14, 2024.	3/14/2024	Pending
24-065	Superintendent Ryan Walters' daily calendar from Jan. 9, 2023, to the date this request is fulfilled.	2/6/2024	Pending
24-050	Communications with any/all federal agencies (including US DOE) regarding teacher sign-on bonus from April 2023 to Jan. 30 2024.	1/30/2024	Pending

**Attachment #4**  
**Oklahoma Eagle Complaint**

## Anthony Sykes

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**From:** John Neal <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form

It doesn't look like a number was assigned. The confirmation email was:

**From:** Smartsheet Forms <[forms@app.smartsheet.com](mailto:forms@app.smartsheet.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 11:50 AM  
**Subject:** Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form  
**To:** <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>

( I have another outstanding one from March of this year that does have a number like that 24-XXX)

On Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 11:11 AM OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)> wrote:

I probably missed it in the content below, but do you recall a number assigned by SDE to this request? Something along the lines of 23-XXX?

Anthony Sykes

Assistant Attorney General

Public Access Counselor

405-522-2771

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**From:** John Neal <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2024 5:38 PM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form

Yes sir, it is still outstanding.

John Neal

*The Oklahoma Eagle*

(915) 479-6525

On Mon, Jul 8, 2024 at 5:07 PM OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)> wrote:

I was wondering if this request was still outstanding?

Anthony Sykes

Assistant Attorney General

Public Access Counselor

405-522-2771

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**From:** John Neal <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:04 AM

**To:** OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form

Anthony Sykes

Oklahoma Attorney General Office

Mr. Sykes.

I have had no response to my enclosed confirmation ORR from the OSDE. It is of particular concern to our media publication because Attorney General Drummond invalidated its enforcement. It has been almost 8 months since my request.

John Neal

The Oklahoma Eagle

(915) 479-6525

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** John Neal <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 11:51 AM

Subject: Fwd: Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form  
To: Gary Lee <[askgarylee@gmail.com](mailto:askgarylee@gmail.com)>

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From: **Smartsheet Forms** <[forms@app.smartsheet.com](mailto:forms@app.smartsheet.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 11:50 AM  
Subject: Confirmation - OSDE Open Records Request Form  
To: <[johnneal577@gmail.com](mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com)>



Thank you for submitting your Open Records Request. A copy is included below for your records.

For questions, email Marley Billingsley at [marley.billingsley@sde.ok.gov](mailto:marley.billingsley@sde.ok.gov).

## OSDE Open Records Request Form

<b>Your Name</b>	John Neal
<b>Affiliation Type</b>	Media
<b>Organization Name</b>	The Oklahoma Eagle in Tulsa, Oklahoma (contributing reporter)
<b>Address</b>	7206 Pine Bluffs Trl
<b>City</b>	Austin
<b>State</b>	Texas
<b>ZIP Code</b>	78729-7852
<b>Phone</b>	(915) 479-6525
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:johnneal577@gmail.com">johnneal577@gmail.com</a>
<b>Purpose of Request</b>	Public Interest
<b>Due Date</b>	08/01/2023

<b>Type of Information Requested</b>	Other
<b>Other Type of Information Requested</b>	Communcations this year to school districts concerning Title 210 new rules adopted bt the OSBE
<b>Requested Records</b>	All communications, notifications and instructions from the OSDE or OSBE to Oklahoma School Districts concerning new rules for Title 210 Chapter 10 and 35 pertaining to parental rights, new media program standards, and related accreditation requirements and penalties since the OSBE adoption of said new rules in 2023.
<b>School Year(s) Needed</b>	N/A
<b>Aggregation Level</b>	District
<b>Specific District(s), Grade(s) or Site(s)</b>	All
<b>Student Demographics</b>	N/A
<b>Additional Notes</b>	email response for records preferred
<b>Searched <a href="https://sde.ok.gov">sde.ok.gov</a></b>	Yes

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**Attachment #5**  
**Fox25 Complaint**

## Anthony Sykes

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**From:** Kathy Damrill <kdamrill@sbgvtv.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:48 AM  
**To:** OAG OpenGov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXT] OSDE Open Records Request: 24-078

Hi again,  
This request from 2/15/24 has never been filled.

In fact, I thought I had sent this request but couldn't find it in my records so I sent another one similar to this one on 6/26. I've copied the new one below.

Let me know if you need any more info!  
Thank you again for checking on this!  
Kathy Damrill

Thank you for contacting the Oklahoma State Department of Education ("OSDE").

We received the Open Records Request you submitted on 06/26/24, 1:11 PM. Your request has been assigned ORR #: 24-272.

Your request below will be fulfilled as soon as the records are available and approved for release within a reasonable amount of time in accordance with applicable law.

ORR #: 24-272  
Date Submitted: 06/26/24, 1:11 PM  
Your Name: Kathy Damrill  
Affiliation Type: Media  
Organization Name: KOKH Fox 25  
Address: 1228 E. Wilshire Blvd.  
City: Oklahoma City  
State: Oklahoma  
ZIP Code: 73111  
Phone: 405-439-6061  
Email: [kdamrill@sbgvtv.com](mailto:kdamrill@sbgvtv.com)  
Purpose of Request: Public Interest  
Due Date: 07/10/24  
Type of Information Requested: Other  
Other Type of Information Requested: Travel & Reimbursement Record  
Requested Records: I would like to receive all travel and reimbursement records for Ryan Walters, Matt Langston, and Dan Isett from Jan 2023 to 6/26/24 or the day this request is fulfilled.  
School Year(s) Needed: N/A  
Aggregation Level: N/A  
Specific District(s), Grade(s) or Site(s): N/A

Student Demographics: N/A  
Additional Notes:  
Searched sde.ok.gov: Yes



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**KATHY DAMRILL**  
Assistant News Director  
**O: 405.475.9118 | M: 405.439.6061**  
f t i y **LIVING OKLAHOMA**

**From:** OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2024 5:06 PM  
**To:** Kathy Damrill <[kdamrill@sbgvtv.com](mailto:kdamrill@sbgvtv.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] OSDE Open Records Request: 24-078

I was wondering if this request was still outstanding?

Anthony Sykes  
Assistant Attorney General  
Public Access Counselor  
405-522-2771

**From:** Kathy Damrill <[kdamrill@sbgvtv.com](mailto:kdamrill@sbgvtv.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:56 AM  
**To:** Dan Isett <[Dan.Isett@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Dan.Isett@sde.ok.gov)>; SDE ORR <[SDE.ORR@sde.ok.gov](mailto:SDE.ORR@sde.ok.gov)>  
**Cc:** OAG OpenGov <[Opengov@oag.ok.gov](mailto:Opengov@oag.ok.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXT] OSDE Open Records Request: 24-078

Hi Dan,  
I also wanted to check back on this open records request from 2/15/24.  
Do you have a time frame of when these records might be released?

Thank you,  
Kathy



**KATHY DAMRILL**  
Assistant News Director



**O: 405.475.9118 | M: 405.439.6061**



**From:** Open Records Request OSDE via Smartsheet <[automation@app.smartsheet.com](mailto:automation@app.smartsheet.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:06 AM

**To:** Kathy Damrill <[kdamrill@sbgvtv.com](mailto:kdamrill@sbgvtv.com)>

**Subject:** [EXT] OSDE Open Records Request: 24-078

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Thank you for contacting the Oklahoma State Department of Education ("OSDE").

We received the Open Records Request you submitted on 02/15/24, 11:03 AM. Your request has been assigned ORR #: 24-078.

Your request below will be fulfilled as soon as the records are available and approved for release within a reasonable amount of time in accordance with applicable law.

ORR #: 24-078

Date Submitted: 02/15/24, 11:03 AM

Your Name: Kathy Damrill

Affiliation Type: Media

Organization Name: KOKH Fox 25

Address: 1228 E. Wilshire Blvd.

City: Oklahoma City

State: Oklahoma

ZIP Code: 73111

Phone: 405-439-6061

Email: [kdamrill@sbgvtv.com](mailto:kdamrill@sbgvtv.com)

Purpose of Request: Public Interest

Due Date: 03/01/24

Type of Information Requested: Other

Other Type of Information Requested: Travel & Reimbursement Records

Requested Records: I would like the travel and reimbursement expense records from Jan 1, 2023 until the day this request is fulfilled for the following people: Ryan Walters, Matt Langston, Dan Isett, Jenna Thomas and Abby Baerveldt.

School Year(s) Needed: N/A  
Aggregation Level: N/A  
Specific District(s), Grade(s) or Site(s): N/A  
Student Demographics: N/A  
Additional Notes:  
Searched sde.ok.gov: Yes



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