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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 10:26 AM

Cc: 'Kristen.Michael@fcps.edu'; Cave, Cynthia (DOE)

Subject: RE: FOIA Response - (Marching Band appropriated funds)

Dear

This message is in response to your request for assistance with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the fees charged to students in association with their participation in Marching Band. My apologies for the delay in providing this written response to you, I was out of the office most of last week due to illness.

Upon receipt of your request for assistance, staff from the Virginia Department of Education contacted Fairfax County Public Schools to share your concerns regarding these fees. As a result, Ms. Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, is reviewing policy and criteria that FCPS has established for instruction versus voluntary participation in additional workshops in consult with the Division's legal counsel.

Pending the outcome of this review, Ms. Michael will follow-up with the Virginia Department of Education and contact you directly. You may contact Ms. Michael directly by email at Kristen.Michael@fcps.edu.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention and for your continued support of public education in Virginia.

Best regards,

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