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**By email: [mps.datarequests@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:mps.datarequests@mpls.k12.mn.us)**

Custodian of Records  
Minneapolis Public Schools  
1250 West Broadway  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Re: Public Records Request**

To Whom It May Concern:

Under the Minnesota Data Practices Act § 13.01 et seq., I am requesting electronic copies of emails from Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) containing the following information:

- Emails to or from any past or present MPS employee or representative and Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Minnesota chapter (CAIR-MN) since September 1, 2017.
- Emails to or from any past or present MPS employee or representative and any employee or representative from Abraham Educational Services, including Michael Abraham since September 1, 2017.
- Emails to or from any past or present MPS employee or representative concerning any MPS professional development course about Muslim students in public schools, including professional development sessions entitled, or similarly entitled, "Increasing Academic Engagement and Cultural Competency with Muslim Students" since September 1, 2017.

Some of these requests may produce overlapping results. You need not produce duplicates. If there are any fees for searching, please let me know if the cost will exceed \$100. I would like, however, to request a waiver of all fees because the requested information is in the public interest of understanding government compliance with state and federal law.

I respectfully ask that you acknowledge this request within five business days. If you cannot provide the requested records within five days, please provide a reasonable estimate of how long it will take

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to respond. If you deny all or part of this request, please explain in writing the reasons for the denial along with any specific exemption or other law you rely on.

I understand that responding to records requests can be burdensome. So, if a request is not clear, please feel free to ask for clarification. I will gladly help minimize any burden on you.

Please email all responsive records in PDF format to [dpiedra@fcdlegal.org](mailto:dpiedra@fcdlegal.org). If another way is more convenient for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Piedra". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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