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**Subject:** Re: Taking you up on your invitation to meet regarding Open Records Requests  
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John,  
 Thank you for your response. We aren't a political action group. We are a bipartisan group of engaged parents, taxpayers and community members who, along with other members of the community are eager to find common ground on this issue. I take your response to mean you either don't meet with ANY political action groups including those who agree with you OR you don't meet with ANY community group that disagrees with you. Your invitation made to the public didn't qualify who you would not meet with, so I respectfully ask that you reconsider our request to meet.

Again, thank you for your response.

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On Feb 16, 2024, at 12:03 PM, John Floresta <[John.Floresta@cobbk12.org](mailto:John.Floresta@cobbk12.org)> wrote:

Ms. Tolley-Bauer,

Thank you for your kind email, for expressing your interest, and sharing dates which are convenient for you. We regularly engage with community members on a wide variety of topics and if we choose to extend invitations to political action groups, yours will be included.

Best,  
 John

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Given that next week is February Break and we are hoping to schedule a meeting with you for the week of March 4, I'm resending my original email in the hopes we can get a date on your calendar. We know there is a lot happening at the District, so why don't we consider meeting by Zoom? Also, I've added board members to the email incase they wish to be included in the meeting.

Cordially,

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On Feb 14, 2024, at 2:28 PM, Watching the Funds Cobb <[watchingthefundscobb@gmail.com](mailto:watchingthefundscobb@gmail.com)> wrote:

John,  
 I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to follow up on a statement you made [in this MDJ's article on 12/29/23](#). In the article, you expressed your willingness to invite individuals into your office to gain a better understanding of the time required to fulfill various open records requests.

Given this invitation, we, along with other members of the community who regularly file Open Records Requests, (including members of the media who will attend as users and a representative from the Georgia First Amendment Foundation ) would like to schedule a meeting with you during the week of March 4. Our intention for this meeting is to foster open communication and collaboration between the community and Cobb County Schools.

Here are our objectives:

- Understand your challenges
- Improve our filing process
- Share our difficulties
- Foster better collaboration

Looking forward to meeting with you and finding common ground.

Best,

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