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**RE: 20 –DAY NOTIFICATION 22-01847-F**

Dear Paul R Moore:

This is the Department of Education’s (the Department) initial determination letter to your request dated, February 4, 2022, seeking information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office(s) within the Department for any responsive documents they may have.

We aim to complete your requests as promptly as possible. At this time, we are unable to provide an estimated completion date, but intend to provide records on a rolling basis as they become available. Should you wish to narrow the scope of your requests, this action may limit the number of potentially responsive records and speed the necessary processing.

You can check on the status of your FOIA request at the link provided below:

<https://foiaxpress.pal.ed.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

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