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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Meyn, Colin <cmeyn@vtdigger.org>
Subject: RE: Public records request dated 5/5/20

Hi, Colin,

Records responsive to your additional request are attached. You will see redactions in two cases: cell phone numbers and the Attorney General's Office's press distribution list address.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Charity

From: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
To: [Simmons, Emily](#)
Subject: Donation of Lap Tops
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:03:00 PM

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My cell is [REDACTED].

Best, Josh

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From: [Simmons, Emily](#)
To: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
Subject: Re: Donation of Lap Tops
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:07:57 PM

Hi Josh,

I am sorry that I haven't called you back yet. This is a tremendous offer and I am sure we can assist in finding a contact for this donor. I am going to loop in Secretary French so that I can have complete information for you when we talk. Today was a lengthy State Board of Education meeting, held remotely. Tomorrow, I will be able to totally clear the decks!

Thanks very much,
Emily

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To: [Diamond, Joshua](#); [Gaidys, Maureen](#); [Sprague, Suzanne](#)
Subject: Lap Tops Donation - Scheduling a Call w/ Sec. French
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:33:46 PM

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Subject: Re: Lap Tops Donation - Scheduling a Call w/ Sec. French
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 8:11:18 AM

Thanks, Josh. I'll ring you at 8:30.

-Emily

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From: Diamond, Joshua <Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:13:55 PM
To: Gaidys, Maureen <Maureen.Gaidys@vermont.gov>
Cc: Simmons, Emily <Emily.Simmons@vermont.gov>; Sprague, Suzanne <Suzanne.Sprague@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Lap Tops Donation - Scheduling a Call w/ Sec. French

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8:30 works best. I'm block booked the rest of the day.

Let me know.

Regards, JOsh

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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:44 PM

To: Diamond, Joshua <Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov>
Cc: Simmons, Emily <Emily.Simmons@vermont.gov>; Sprague, Suzanne <Suzanne.Sprague@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Lap Tops Donation - Scheduling a Call w/ Sec. French

Hello Josh,

The following times are available for a call tomorrow with Secretary French and Emily Simmons:

8:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 2:15 p.m.

Please advise which works best and I will send an invite via Teams.

Stay well,

Maureen

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Questions about COVID-19? Dial 2-1-1

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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:34 PM

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From: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
To: [Simmons, Emily](#)
Subject: Computers
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:39:00 AM

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To: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
Cc: [Simmons, Emily](#)
Subject: Laptops
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:31:06 PM

Hi Josh,

We identified a list of districts for this generous donation. I reached to the one of the superintendents and it looks like she is not on her email today. I will follow up with her tomorrow.

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Cc: [Emilie Knisley](#); [Simmons, Emily](#); [DeCarolis, Jess](#)
Subject: Laptops
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:16:38 PM

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Subject: RE: Laptops
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 5:02:00 PM

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From: [Emilie Knisley](#)
To: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
Subject: Out of Office RE: Laptops
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 5:02:41 PM

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I am out of office today. If you have an urgent matter, please contact OESU at 222-5216 during normal business hours.

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From: [Emilie Knisley](#)
To: [Diamond, Joshua](#)
Subject: Re: Laptops
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 7:57:12 AM

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Also, could you identify the specific schools that will receive the computers.

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Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:15:07 AM

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Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:59:08 PM

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Subject: RE: Computers
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:52:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Cc: [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:22:00 AM
Attachments: [Chromebooks Press Release 5.5.20.pdf](#)

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Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41:40 PM
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Subject: Automatic reply: Chromebooks donation press release
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:37:37 PM

Hello:

I am working on the State of Vermont response to the COVID-19. My reply to your email may be delayed.

Thank you for your understanding

Best wishes,

-Ted-

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To: [Jandl, Lauren](#); [Connizzo, Kate](#)
Cc: [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:24:08 AM

Thank you Lauren!!

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From: [Clark, Charity](#)
To: [Emilie Knisley](#)
Subject: RE: Chromebooks press release
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:17:00 PM

Thank you for your speedy reply, Superintendent! I'm so glad to hear the computers are in hand. This quote is perfect. I will send a copy of the release once it goes out.

Charity

From: Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Chromebooks press release

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I can be reached by email or on my cell phone (802-917-1993).

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From: [Clark, Charity](#)
To: [Emilie Knisley](#)
Subject: FW: Press Release: AG Donovan Partners with Comcast to Address Shortage of Laptops in Time of Remote Learning
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:26:00 AM
Attachments: [Chromebooks Press Release 5.5.20.pdf](#)

Here is the release!

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From: [Fisher, Ted](#)
To: [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: RE: Public records request dated 5/5/20
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:52:17 PM

Thanks Charity!

Hope you are well.

V/r,

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Just an FYI.

Charity

From: Clark, Charity
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Colin Meyn <cmeyn@vtdigger.org>
Subject: RE: Public records request dated 5/5/20

Hi, Colin,

A while back, the Attorney General participated in an event in Burlington with Comcast about their Internet Essentials program. At the end of the program, Comcast gave out laptops to the attendees at the event. When Molly Gray shared her concerns with Attorney General Donovan about children in communities not having access to computers, AG Donovan was reminded of the Comcast event. He reached out to Comcast to see if they would be interested in donating computers to a Vermont community in need. Several conversations were conducted by phone. As to who determined the community, we asked the Agency of Education who they thought would be in need. They named three school districts, and all three were offered computers. Orange-East responded that some of

their students were in need of computers, and computers were delivered to this district.

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Hi Charity,

Do you know when you will be available to talk today?

-C

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Thanks Charity. What time should I expect to hear from you?

-C

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 4:12 PM Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi, Colin,

I'll get in touch tomorrow.

Charity

From: Colin Meyn <cmeyn@vtdigger.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Public records request dated 5/5/20

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Hi Charity,

Please let me know today if TJ is available to discuss this story.

Best,

Colin

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 11:00 AM Colin Meyn <cmeyn@vtdigger.org> wrote:

Just fyi, my main question is where are the communications leading up to this email from the AG (copied below in blue)? It's clear that this is not the beginning of the conversation with John...was there a phone call? What was discussed? How was Orange-East SU selected as the recipient of these donations? Did TJ discuss the matter with Molly Gray at any point between April 16 and May 4?

Hoping you can help bring some clarity to how the AG/Comcast got to this email exchange...

Best,

Colin

From: Donovan, Thomas <Thomas.Donovan@vermont.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:03 PM

To: Sutich, John >

John,

Connecting you with Lauren.

Thanks again,

TJD

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 10:42 AM Colin Meyn <cmeyn@vtdigger.org> wrote:

Hi Charity,

Would you have time to discuss this tomorrow? Either 10:30-12 or 1:00-2:30 are ideal for me, but let me know what works for you...

-C

On Wed, May 20, 2020 at 4:28 PM Colin Meyn <cmeyn@vtdigger.org> wrote:

Thanks Charity. I'll get back to you soon with any additional questions.

Best,

-C

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 8:32 PM Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov> wrote:

Please see attached.

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From: [Jandl, Lauren](#)
To: [Fisher, Ted](#); [Connizzo, Kate](#)
Cc: [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:22:00 AM
Attachments: [Chromebooks Press Release 5.5.20.pdf](#)

Hello Ted and Kate,

Attached is the final version of the press release that was sent out at 9:30AM this morning. Thanks again for partnering with us on this project.

All the best,

Lauren

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From: Fisher, Ted <Ted.Fisher@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>; Connizzo, Kate <Kate.Connizzo@vermont.gov>
Cc: Jandl, Lauren <Lauren.Jandl@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release

Hi Charity:

Apologies for the delay on this. See below for a quote from Sec. French:

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V/r,

-Ted-

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:42 PM

To: Fisher, Ted <Ted.Fisher@vermont.gov>; Connizzo, Kate <Kate.Connizzo@vermont.gov>

Cc: Jandl, Lauren <Lauren.Jandl@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release

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Charity

From: Clark, Charity

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:38 PM

To: Fisher, Ted <Ted.Fisher@vermont.gov>; Kate.Connizzo@vermont.gov

Cc: Jandl, Lauren <Lauren.Jandl@vermont.gov>

Subject: Chromebooks donation press release

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Charity

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“The 250 Chromebooks will connect many students previously unable to access on-line remote learning,” said Superintendent Emilie Knisley. “We did not have the funds in our local budgets available to bridge this divide in connectivity. We appreciate the support of Attorney General Donovan, Secretary French, and Comcast in making this possible for the students of Orange-East Supervisory Union. This is a big step forward in breaking down the digital divide between students and technology.”

“As Vermont continues to manage the COVID-19 emergency, we recognize that our company plays an important role in helping Vermont students and families stay connected,” said Dennis Mathew, Senior Vice President of Comcast’s Western New England Region, which includes Vermont. “We are continuing to deliver the network speeds and capacity our Vermont customers need while they’re working, learning and connecting from home, as well as help more residents gain access to broadband through initiatives like this and our Comcast Internet Essentials program. We appreciate the work Attorney General T.J. Donovan and his team do to make sure Vermonters get the resources they need, especially during this extraordinary time.”

The Chromebooks were delivered on Monday, May 4, 2020.

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From: [Clark, Charity](#)
To: [Fisher, Ted](#); [Connizzo, Kate](#)
Cc: [Jandl, Lauren](#)
Subject: RE: Chromebooks donation press release
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41:40 PM
Attachments: [Chromebooks Press Release.docx](#)

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Charity

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Cc: [Jandl, Lauren](#)
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Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:37:36 PM
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