

February 4, 2022

Shelly D Hipson
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Dear Ms. Hipson:

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2022-00084-EDU

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on January 19, 2022.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

All records and data showing financial payouts/monetary contributions, from any department to the Nova Scotia Teachers Union and reasons for the money. (Are they funded by the government in any way?)

Please include if there has been any money given to them specifically for COVID-19, the amount and description.

If the NSTU has to provide financial statements to a department, I would like to request a copy of those as well for 2019, 2020, and 2021.

I am guessing that the Education Department would be the department that I would apply to for this information but if I am wrong, would you please forward this request to the proper department.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2019 To 1/18/2022)

After a file search, we have located no records responsive to your application. Therefore, it is my understanding, pursuant to clause 7(2)(b) of the *Act*, that Education and Early Childhood Development does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application.

The Department does not support the NSTU with operating funds and the NSTU does not provide financial statements to the Department. I am unaware of a department or agency which would hold such records.

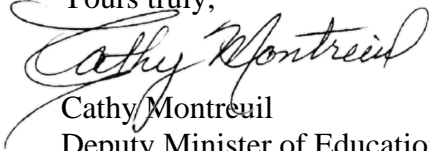
You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is

attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name, address or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Kimberly MacDougall at 902-424-3127 or by e-mail at kimberly.macdougall@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cathy Montreuil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Montreuil" clearly distinguishable.

Cathy Montreuil
Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

Attachment