



## United States Department of Education

Office of the Secretary

FOIA Service Center

August 29, 2024

Sarai Chaidez  
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1701 Rhode Island Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20036

RE: FOIA Request No. 24-02787-F

Dear Sarai Chaidez:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated July 28, 2024, and received in the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) FOIA Service Center on July 29, 2024. You requested the following:

“ Student Defense requests that the Department produce the following records within twenty business days of the date of this request:

- A complete listing of all institutions with unpaid liabilities stemming from closures or compliance and enforcement actions,
- The amount of those liabilities, and
- The date on which the liabilities were assessed.

Effectively, this request is for the same reports sought in previous FOIA requests submitted by Student Defense, but with updated data. From the Department's prior responses, we understand that the Department generally produces these reports as of the month-end. Thus, the Department can construe this request for reports produced as of June 30, 2024.”

Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid and Office of Financial Operations. The Department has identified a spreadsheet, being released in full.

The pages are available for download via the Public Access Link (PAL). You can access your PAL account, or register for a PAL account, at this link:

<https://foiexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx>

### Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request. Therefore, any fee waiver request submitted for this FOIA request is not applicable.

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FOIA Public Liaison  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7W104  
Washington, DC 20202-4500  
Email: [robert.wehausen@ed.gov](mailto:robert.wehausen@ed.gov)  
Phone: 202-205-0733  
Fax: 202-401-0920

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road, OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [OGIS@nara.gov](mailto:OGIS@nara.gov)  
Phone: 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal this decision, as well as decisions in any previous interim releases, with the Department by submitting an appeal to the address below, no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal. It should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal. You may submit your appeal by:

Mail: Appeals Office  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W104  
Washington, DC 20202-4536

Online Form: [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf)

E-mail: [EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov)

Fax: 202-401-0920

Sincerely,

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