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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 10, 2025

Via email

RE: FOIA Request No. 25-00102-F-IG

This is the final response to your February 10, 2025, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Department of Education (ED), Office of Inspector General (ED OIG) for a list of the Dept of Education Office of Inspector General INVESTIGATIONS closed during calendar years 2023 and 2024. The records should include information for each investigation, specifically, the case number, the subject of the investigation, the category of the investigation, the open date, and the closing date.

The ED OIG conducted a search and found 6 pages responsive to your request.

Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Consistent with the FOIA, the OIG confirms that, if it is providing responsive records, it has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the responsive records and applying any FOIA exemptions. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A).

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may file an administrative appeal by writing within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter to the: Inspector General

U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.

ATTN: FOIA Appeals

Washington, DC 20202-1500

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the Department's online FOIA portal, you may also submit your appeal through the same portal here.

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You may contact the OIG FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS as follows:

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Seeking assistance from the OIG FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal.

Sincerely,

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Case No	Investigative Case Type	Closed Date	Date Investigation Opened	Focus Areas
05-090040	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	02/13/2023	07/06/2005	Charter School
11-050898	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/18/2023	08/24/2011	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
12-041514	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/20/2023	07/06/2012	Other
13-091422	Postsecondary Education Fraud	01/19/2023	01/23/2013	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
13-091508	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/26/2023	11/13/2013	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
13-041651	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/19/2023	12/10/2013	Other
13-020644	Postsecondary Education Fraud	02/27/2023	12/15/2014	Other
14-041727	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/19/2023	07/17/2014	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
14-041783	Other Criminal-ED	07/27/2023	10/01/2014	Other, Debt Relief
14-041813	Postsecondary Education Fraud	03/27/2023	08/18/2015	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
15-041885	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/16/2023	05/05/2015	Other
15-061294	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/16/2024	08/28/2015	Fraud Ring (Distance Education), Other
15-051740	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/26/2024	09/28/2016	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
15-051741	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/06/2023	12/07/2016	Other
16-051795	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	04/25/2024	04/29/2016	Public Corruption
16-051826	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/27/2024	05/10/2016	Public Corruption
16-220351	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/04/2024	09/21/2016	Other
16-042081	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/18/2023	01/18/2017	Other
16-051858	Other ED Grant Fraud	04/03/2023	01/09/2017	Public Corruption
16-042122	Postsecondary Education Fraud	12/01/2023	03/28/2017	Other
I17SCR61438	Postsecondary Education Fraud	07/31/2024	08/02/2017	Other
I18SCR30641	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	05/04/2023	10/04/2017	Charter School
I18WES91852	Postsecondary Education Fraud	07/12/2023	11/22/2017	Other

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15SOU41880	Postsecondary Education Fraud	02/02/2024	12/28/2017	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
117SOU30647	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	04/26/2024	01/30/2018	Public Corruption
117MID61418	Postsecondary Education Fraud	02/15/2023	03/13/2018	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I17WES91883	Other ED Grant Fraud	11/01/2023	03/21/2018	Other
I18WES02232	Postsecondary Education Fraud	12/14/2023	08/02/2018	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I18SOU02826	Other	01/22/2024	08/13/2018	Other
I18EAS02684	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/16/2023	08/24/2018	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I18SOU03444	Postsecondary Education Fraud	05/11/2023	08/31/2018	Fraud Ring (Distance Education), Pandemic Relief Funding
I18MID02065	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	12/11/2023	09/13/2018	21st Century
I18WES03096	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	11/20/2023	10/04/2018	Charter School
I18EAS03167	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	12/31/2024	10/09/2018	21st Century
I14SOU41703	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/27/2024	11/06/2018	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I18EAS03442	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	03/21/2024	11/07/2018	Public Corruption
I18MID02809	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	02/24/2023	12/12/2018	Charter School
I18WES02229	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	08/03/2023	12/18/2018	Charter School
118SOU04225	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/30/2023	01/04/2019	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
118TCD04213	Other	08/04/2023	01/04/2019	Other
I16SOU42072	Postsecondary Education Fraud	12/11/2023	03/08/2019	Other
119EAS00641	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/03/2023	04/17/2019	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I18EAS02710	Postsecondary Education Fraud	05/29/2024	05/07/2019	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
119WES01039	Postsecondary Education Fraud	01/03/2024	05/08/2019	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I17EAS30133	Postsecondary Education Fraud	01/17/2024	06/04/2019	Other

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19EAS01382	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	08/21/2023	06/05/2019	Other, Public Corruption
I19MID01153	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/16/2024	07/12/2019	Public Corruption
I16SOU42033	Postsecondary Education Fraud	03/14/2023	07/15/2019	Other
I19MID04031	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/27/2024	10/11/2019	Other
I19EAS03401	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	02/14/2024	11/12/2019	Charter School
I18WES04193	Other ED Grant Fraud	10/04/2024	11/18/2019	Other
I19WES00454	Other ED Grant Fraud	12/19/2024	11/18/2019	Other
I20EAS00532	Postsecondary Education Fraud	02/16/2023	01/23/2020	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I19 S OU03314	Postsecondary Education Fraud	11/16/2023	02/03/2020	Other
I19MID03003	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/23/2024	02/19/2020	Other
I19WES03436	Other Criminal-ED	12/01/2023	03/20/2020	Debt Relief
I19WES03834	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	08/03/2023	03/26/2020	Charter School
I20WE S 00055	Other ED Grant Fraud	02/26/2024	04/29/2020	Other, 21st Century
I20 S OU02354	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	05/16/2023	06/23/2020	Other
I20MID01280	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	07/05/2023	05/26/2020	Other
I20SOU01936	Postsecondary Education Fraud	05/30/2024	05/27/2020	Public Corruption, Other
I20EAS01232	ED Employee Misconduct	09/20/2024	06/18/2020	Other
I20 S OU01939	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	11/03/2023	06/25/2020	Other
I20EAS02016	Postsecondary Education Fraud	11/18/2024	07/23/2020	Other
I20MID02082	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/19/2024	08/10/2020	Other
I20SOU02318	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	08/30/2024	09/02/2020	21st Century
120 S OU02030	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/04/2023	09/18/2020	Other
I20 S ER02798	Postsecondary Education Fraud	05/24/2024	10/21/2020	TPD Discharge
I20WES01260	Contract Fraud- ED	08/03/2023	10/29/2020	Other
I21EAS00379	Postsecondary Education Fraud	03/23/2023	12/04/2020	Other
I21SIU00841	Postsecondary Education Fraud	10/18/2023	01/29/2021	Pandemic Relief Funding
I21SIU00910	Other ED Grant Fraud	03/13/2023	03/05/2021	Pandemic Relief Funding
I20SER03749	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	03/15/2023	01/14/2021	Other

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I21MID01236	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/09/2023	02/10/2021	Public Corruption
I20EAS02303	Postsecondary Education Fraud	05/15/2024	02/11/2021	Other
I20EAS03765	Postsecondary Education Fraud	02/14/2024	02/11/2021	Pandemic Relief Funding
I20SER03875	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/06/2024	02/11/2021	Other
I20EAS00623	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/01/2023	02/22/2021	Other
I21MID01643	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	01/04/2024	04/19/2021	Charter School
I21SIU02528	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	11/11/2023	06/23/2021	Pandemic Relief Funding
I21EAS01601	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	10/17/2023	08/10/2021	Public Corruption
I21TAS01923	Other	05/04/2023	09/14/2021	Debt Relief
I21MID02069	Postsecondary Education Fraud	01/09/2023	09/14/2021	Other
I21SER02231	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/06/2023	09/17/2021	TPD Discharge, Pandemic Relief Funding
I21TAS01668	TCD Proactive Project	04/12/2024	10/05/2021	Other
I21SER02512	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/03/2024	10/21/2021	Disaster Recovery (BBA2018)
I21MID02595	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/30/2023	10/22/2021	Public Corruption
I21WES03527	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	01/29/2024	10/27/2021	Other
I21MID03056	TCD Proactive Project	02/21/2023	12/06/2021	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I21WES02942	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/21/2023	12/10/2021	TPD Discharge
I22SER00285	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/12/2023	12/20/2021	Other
I22WES00019	Postsecondary Education Fraud	01/12/2024	01/31/2022	Other
I21EAS03816	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	08/29/2023	02/01/2022	Other
I22SER01245	Other	08/30/2024	02/11/2022	Public Corruption
I22EAS00056	ED Employee Misconduct	02/14/2024	02/14/2022	Other
I22EAS00270	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/16/2024	02/14/2022	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I22MID00398	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/17/2024	03/10/2022	Other, Pandemic Relief Funding
I22SWR01705	Postsecondary Education Fraud	03/13/2023	03/30/2022	TPD Discharge
I22SIU01427	Postsecondary Education Fraud	12/11/2023	03/31/2022	Pandemic Relief Funding

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I21SIU00665	Postsecondary Education Fraud	03/20/2023	04/11/2022	Pandemic Relief Funding
I22MID01847	Postsecondary Education Fraud	06/20/2023	04/15/2022	Other
I22MID01684	Whistleblower	06/06/2023	05/10/2022	Other
I22MID01792	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/14/2024	05/17/2022	Other
I22EAS01888	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	10/24/2024	06/01/2022	Other
I22MID01769	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	04/15/2024	07/06/2022	Other
I22EAS02193	Whistleblower	07/10/2023	07/21/2022	Other
I22WES03243	Whistleblower	08/23/2023	09/06/2022	Other
I22MID02731	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	04/10/2024	09/26/2022	Charter School
I22SER02830	Postsecondary Education Fraud	08/30/2024	10/04/2022	Other
I22EAS03683	Whistleblower	12/11/2023	11/04/2022	Other
I22WES03244	Postsecondary Education Fraud	04/15/2024	11/16/2022	Other
I22SIU02870	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	07/10/2023	11/22/2022	Pandemic Relief Funding
I23WES00075	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	12/12/2024	01/23/2023	Charter School
I22SER02441	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/12/2024	01/27/2023	Fraud Ring (Distance Education)
I23MID00507	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/22/2023	01/31/2023	Other
I23MID01436	Other	03/08/2023	02/01/2023	Other
I23SER01193	Postsecondary Education Fraud	12/31/2024	02/24/2023	Other
I23SIU01998	Other	09/30/2023	04/13/2023	Pandemic Relief Funding
I23SER01657	Postsecondary Education Fraud	09/06/2024	03/16/2023	Other
I22SER04045	Other ED Grant Fraud	09/03/2024	03/16/2023	Other
I23SIU00966	Other ED Grant Fraud	06/11/2024	03/30/2023	Pandemic Relief Funding
I23SER01667	Other Criminal-ED	03/20/2024	06/02/2023	Public Corruption
I23SER01930	Other	03/20/2024	06/23/2023	Charter School
I23SER02982	Other	09/20/2024	06/30/2023	Other
I23SER02447	Other	05/09/2024	08/03/2023	Other
I23MID02555	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/23/2024	08/28/2023	Charter School
I23 SW R02981	Postsecondary Education Fraud	11/20/2024	09/12/2023	Other
I24EAS00060	ED Employee Misconduct	02/06/2024	10/25/2023	Other
I23SIU03613	Other	09/23/2024	11/01/2023	Pandemic Relief Funding

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I24WES00228	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	10/10/2024	11/17/2023	Other
I23EAS04043	ED Employee Misconduct	09/06/2024	12/12/2023	Other
I23SER02320	Elementary Secondary Education Fraud	09/20/2024	01/08/2024	Pandemic Relief Funding
I24WES01671	Whistleblower	03/05/2024	02/08/2024	Other