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Subject:Re: trying to reach you
Date:2021-01-11 11:36
From:brian curtis <brian@[REDACTED]>
To:mkaszuba@publicrecordmedia.org

Mike

Thank you so much for your email.

While our company does not comment on our work or clients, we serve many universities across the country assisting them in communicating messages and managing communications crises on a wide-arrange of issues in higher education.

Continued success and please stay safe.

Brian

Brian Curtis
Paradigm Four
[brian@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:brian@[REDACTED])

On Sun, Jan 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM <mkaszuba@publicrecordmedia.org> wrote:

Brian Curtis
Paradigm Four --

I am with Public Record Media, a non-profit based in St. Paul, MN. We

make requests for public data on the federal, state and local levels and publish the results on our website, www.publicrecordmedia.org. (I am a former Minneapolis Star Tribune reporter, and retired after 35 years).

A while back, we made a data request to the University of Minnesota for correspondence, emails etc. regarding the decision last spring to give student refunds when the campus closed, and online-learning began, due to COVID-19.

Some of the emails, particularly involving university president Joan Gabel, included exchanges between Gabel and yourself. We also obtained a copy of the contract between the school and your company, Paradigm Four.

We are planning to publish a story about the behind-the-scenes discussions at the school related to the COVID-19 discussions. As part of that, we wanted to ask you a couple of questions. Here they are:

-- What did you see your role as during the school's COVID-19/student refund discussions? Were you primarily communicating with Gabel? Were all of your communications via email etc., or were you onsite in Minnesota?

-- As far as the University of Minnesota, what other issues has your company provided consultation for?

-- How many colleges/universities does your company have similar contracts with? Can you give some examples on the issues those schools brought you in for?

-- Did you reach out to the University of Minnesota to secure the contract, or did someone from the university reach out to you? If it was the latter, who was it?

-- Also, I assume you are the same person who has written books on Nick Saban and Jerry Rice and was also a TV sports reporter for both CBS and FOX Sports; that correct?

Thanks in advance for your answers.

Mike Kaszuba
Public Record Media