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August 18, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

Simon Fleischmann
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Fleischmann,

On August 15, 2022, Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 received an extensive FOIA request from you for eight years of records regarding several fields of demographic information for various categories of students including all students, suspended students, expelled students, and students placed in alternative settings. Your request is technically voluminous under the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/2(h).

The breadth of it, however, is also overwhelming and unduly burdensome. In discussing the amount of time and work it would take to locate, create, and prepare this information, the District's IT department estimated that it would take three weeks minimum to provide this information. As you may know, the School District comprises 31 schools and has one of the largest student populations in Illinois.

Your request also coincides with the beginning of the school year, which is the busiest time of the year for the District, making it impossible to comply with your request in the period required by the FOIA. Responding to this request would require the School District to go beyond what is expected of a public body contrary to the intent of the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/1. In this case, the request is unduly burdensome and the burden on the School District outweighs the public interest in the information.

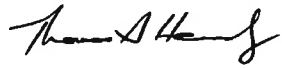
You are invited to contact me by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2022, to clarify and narrow the scope of the search to reduce your requests to manageable proportions. If you do not contact me by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2022, you should consider this as a final response and denial of your request based on the unduly burdensome exemption provided in Section 3(g) of the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/3(g).

To the extent you consider this response as a denial of your request, you have the right to have the denial contained in this letter reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, Phone: 1-877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request

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for documents and the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Hernandez" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Hernandez
Director of Community Relations
FOIA Officer Plainfield CCSD 202

8-15-22

Due 8.22.22
Done 8.18.22
TJH

August 12, 2022

By Email

Tom Hernandez
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Re: Public Records Request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The following is a request for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The request is not for any personal or commercial purpose, and we do not seek individually identifiable information.

We are requesting the following data for the following seven school years for Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 (the "District"): 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. Please provide the data separated by school.

School Population: Number of students, identified by:

- Grade level
- Race/ethnicity
- Gender
- Intersection of race and gender (e.g., Black females, white males)

Suspended Students: For each school year, provide the following information about suspensions. If the District employs more than one type of suspension, provide information on all suspension types, separating the data by type of suspension:

- Number of students who were suspended, identified by:
 - o Race/ethnicity
 - o Gender
 - o Intersection of race and gender
- Number of students who were suspended one time, two times, three times, and four or more times, identified by:
 - o Race/ethnicity