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August 30, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

Meredith Kolodner
MuckRock News

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Ms. Kolodner

I am writing in my capacity as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer in response to your request for materials through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received on August 24, 2022 and due on August 30, 2022.

Specifically, you requested:

- 1) Data regarding the number of student expulsions held in abeyance (or any other term used to describe student expulsions which have been temporarily suspended contingent on student compliance with a behavior contract, alternative school or program, etc.) in Plainfield School District 202 for each school year between 2016-2021, including raw total, raw data by race (white, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, two or more races) raw data by gender (male, female, other), raw data for students with an IEP/non-IEP, raw data for students by grade in school (pre-K-12), and raw data for students placed in an alternative educational program or otherwise had a change in school placement.
- 2) Copies of any policies or standard agreements for expulsions held in abeyance contingent on placement in an alternative educational program, or any other similar term or practice.

Responsive materials are attached.

Please note:

- 1) We have only tracked "abeyance" from 2019-present. We track gender, ethnic code and IEP. Our discipline system does not include grade at time of incident. We cannot pull data from before 2019 since we use one code to represent several ways students were transferred to an alternative school. It would be unduly burdensome to review each student's file for the reason they were sent to alternative placement prior to 2019.
- 2) We do not have any policies specifically about abeyances. However, we have included a copy of our Abeyance form letter for your review.

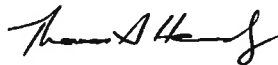
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This completes our response.

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 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,



Tom Hernandez
Director of Community Relations
FOIA Officer Plainfield CCSD 202



Thomas Hernandez (Director of Community Relations) <tahernan@psd202.org>

Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Expulsions in abeyance

1 message

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August 24, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

1) Data regarding the number of student expulsions held in abeyance (or any other term used to describe student expulsions which have been temporarily suspended contingent on student compliance with a behavior contract, alternative school or program, etc.) in Plainfield School District 202 for each school year between 2016-2021, including raw total, raw data by race (white, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, two or more races) raw data by gender (male, female, other), raw data for students with an IEP/non-IEP, raw data for students by grade in school (pre-K-12), and raw data for students placed in an alternative educational program or otherwise had a change in school placement.

2) Copies of any policies or standard agreements for expulsions held in abeyance contingent on placement in an alternative educational program, or any other similar term or practice.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Meredith Kolodner

View request history, upload responsive documents, and report problems here:

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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SCHOOL_YEAR	GENDER	ETHNIC_CODE	HAS_IEP	Action_Code
2019	F	11	N	ABEYL
2019	F	11	N	ABEYL
2019	F	12	N	ABEYL
2019	F	16	N	ABEYL
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2021	M	16	N	ABEYL

DISTRICT LETTERHEAD

[date]

[name]
[address]

Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

We are pleased that you have chosen an Alternative School Program for your *[son/daughter, name]* for *[insert recommended length of expulsion]*. As a result, I will hold in abeyance my recommendation to the Board of Education that *[he/she]* be expelled for *[describe misconduct]* while *[he/she]* attends and successfully participates in the alternative school program. If this does not occur, the expulsion proceedings will be resumed, and I will provide you with a notice of the expulsion hearing before the Board of Education or its hearing officer. While your *[son/daughter]* is in attendance at the alternative school, *[he/she]* is not to be present at school functions or on school grounds without specific permission from me or another administrator.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,