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August 28, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: foia@chambanasun.com

Dear Owen Wang:

On August 19, 2024, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was received by our school district. A response was due initially on or before August 26, 2024. The district informed you of its need for a five day extension on Monday, August 26, 2024 making this FOIA response due on or before Tuesday, September 3, 2023.

On August 16, 2024, you sent an email requesting the following:

List of all teachers and staff, including the following data points, for all schools in your district for the upcoming school year

- Staff/Teacher Name
- School Name
- Title
- Salary

I emailed you the following on August 19, 2024:

In order to best comply with this FOIA, we are requesting that you clarify and narrow your request.

I did not receive a response from you, and I sent an additional email to you on August 21. Again I did not hear from you, and I sent an additional email to you on August 23 stating the following:

Dear Owen Wang,

This is my third attempt to get clarification from you regarding your FOIA request originally emailed to our school district on August 16, 2024.

In order to best comply with your FOIA, please clarify and narrow your request as indicated below:

- 1. Does your request mean the upcoming school year, which is the 2025-2026 school year, or is it your intent to obtain information about the current school year which is the 2024-2025 school year? As written, we assume the upcoming school year is the 2025-2026 school year.*
- 2. Does your request for "salary" mean you are seeking the annualized wages for all teachers and staff for the upcoming school year (as established in item number one)? Or does your request for "salary" mean you are seeking the compensation information for only salaried employees?*

Thank you for your prompt attention to this email.

On August 26, 2024, I sent the following email to you:

Dear Owen Wang,

Because the requested records have not been located and require additional effort to find, the district is extending its timeline to comply with your request by five business days. The district will provide a response to your August 16, 2024 FOIA request on or before Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Again, in order to best comply with your FOIA, please clarify and narrow your request as indicated below:

- 1. Does your request mean the upcoming school year, which is the 2025-2026 school year, or is it your intent to obtain information about the current school year which is the 2024-2025 school year? As written, we assume the upcoming school year is the 2025-2026 school year.*
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this email.

As of August 28, 2024, the district made four attempts to clarify your August 16, 2024 FOIA request. The district has received no response from you. It is our interpretation that the “upcoming school year” is the 2025-2026 school year. As such, there is no information responsive to your request.

The person responsible for the response to your request is Scott Woods, FOIA Officer for the School District. You may ask the Illinois Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this response concerning your records request, by submitting a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this response, denial, or partial denial of your request. A request for Review by the PAC should be directed to:

Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield IL 62706
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

The PAC’s telephone number is (877) 299-FOIA.

You also have the right to administrative review by a court of law pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Woods", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott C. Woods, FOIA Officer
Rantoul City School District #137