

To: "CondonE@district90.org" <CondonE@district90.org>
Subject: 3.26.2019 FOIA request from NBC5 Chicago for story on school storm shelters

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March 26, 2019

Dr. Ed Condon
Superintendent
River Forest School District 90
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Sent via e-mail to CondonE@district90.org

Dear Dr. Condon:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am making this request of more than 350 public school districts in twelve Illinois counties in the greater Chicago area, including River Forest School District 90, for a news story we are working on at NBC5 about school tornado preparedness.

Please provide me with documents showing which school buildings in your district each have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements of the ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters (ICC-500) [published jointly by the International Code Council and the National Storm Shelter Association and available at https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ICC5002014?site_type=public].

including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.

For those school buildings in River Forest School District 90 that do not have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements described above, please provide me with documents showing how and where the children in each of those school buildings are to be sheltered, in case of a tornado emergency, including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.

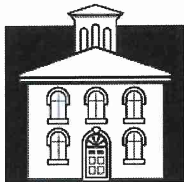
Please send all material to me at olivia.deloian@nbcchicago. If for some reason you cannot send these records electronically, please contact me so that I can make other arrangements to get these documents from you. And if there is any way at all that I can help you gather this material, I would be most happy to do so.

Because these records are in the public interest, I ask that you waive any reproduction fee. And if you deny this request, please tell me on what grounds, and to whom I should appeal.

If you have any questions concerning this request or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Olivia Deloian
Researcher, NBC5 Investigates



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April 1, 2019

Olivia Deloian
NBC5 Chicago
454 North Columbus Drive
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Communicated via email to: Olivia.Deloian@nbcuni.com

Dear Ms. Deloian:

This letter is in response to your electronic *Freedom of Information Action* (FOIA) request received in my office on March 26, 2019. On April 1, 2019 an extension letter was submitted to you. The following response will fulfill the original request.

Request: 1) *“RECORDS REQUESTED: Please provide me with documents showing which school buildings in your district each have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements of the ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters (ICC-500) [published jointly by the International Code Council and the National Storm Shelter Association and available at https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ICC5002014?site_type=public], including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.”*

Response: No school buildings in District 90 have storm shelters meeting the minimum requirements of the code reference since they were all constructed decades prior to the referenced code.

Request: 2) *“RECORDS REQUESTED: For those school buildings in River Forest School District 90 that do not have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements described above, please provide me with documents showing how and where the children in each of those school buildings are to be sheltered, in case of a tornado emergency, including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.”*

Response: Please see the attached document outlining the procedure for how children in each District 90 school are to be sheltered in the case of a tornado or other weather-related emergency.

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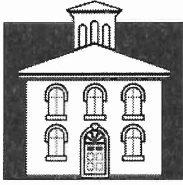
As Superintendent of the District, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Condon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent



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April 1, 2019

Ms. Olivia Deloian **Communicated via email to: Olivia.Deloian@nbcuni.com**
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Dear Ms. Deloian:

On March 26, 2019, the school District received your request for records as follows:

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While the School District attempts to process all such requests as expeditiously as possible, we anticipate a delay in processing your request for the reason or reasons checked below:

- The requested records are stored in whole or in part at locations other than the office having charge of the records.

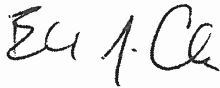
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- The request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records.
- The request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the requested records.
- The requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them.
- The requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions.
- The request for records cannot be complied with by the District within the time limits set forth in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the District.
- There is a need for consultation, which will be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.

This extends the response deadline by five (5) business days, to April 5, 2019. If you have any questions regarding the content of this correspondence, please contact the School District's Administrative Office for assistance.

Sincerely,

RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90



By: Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools and
Freedom of Information Act Officer