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April 18, 2025

VIA EMAIL: waacl13@gmail.com

Dear Mr. W:

This letter serves as Rantoul City Schools #137 (the "District")'s timely response to your Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request sent on April 17, 2025 for:

- 1. Conversations about the decision of the Illinois General Assembly's to declare the public policy as described in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act;
- 2. Conversations about Illinois School Code amendment House Bill 4175;
- 3. Conversations about the 1983 designation of National Child Abuse Prevention Month by then-President Ronald Reagan;
- 4. Conversations about the manner in which the District commemorated National Child Abuse Prevention Month prior to 2025;
- 5. Conversations about the manner in which the District commemorated National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2025;
- 6. Conversations about the American Academy of Pediatrics 2023 findings regarding corporal punishment; and
- 7. Conversations about Michael A. Ayele.

Voluminous Request Designation under Section 3.6 of FOIA

A "voluminous request" means a request that: (1) includes more than 5 individual requests for more than 5 different categories of records; or (2) includes a combination of individual requests for more than 5 different categories of records in a period of 20 business days; or (3) requires the compilation of more than 500 letter or legal-sized pages of public records, unless a single requested record exceeds 500 pages. See 5 ILCS 140(2)(h).

Please be advised that, pursuant to Section 3.6 of FOIA, the District is treating your request as a voluminous request under the second criterion described above. 5 ILCS 140/3.6. Your request includes emails, policies, presentations, and various other categories of documents in any format included within seven (7) numbered requests, and it thereby requests more than 5 different categories of records. Due to the broad scope of your requests, it is also possible that your request is a "voluminous request" under the third criterion above.

Please be advised that the District's treatment of your request as a voluminous request has the following effects:

- You have 10 business days from the date of this letter to specify whether you would like to amend your request so that it is no longer a voluminous request;
- If you do not reply within 10 business days, or if the request continues to be a voluminous request, the District will respond in accordance with applicable provisions of FOIA, and will assess any fees permitted by Section 6 of
- The District has 5 business days after receipt of your reply or 5 business days after the last day for you to amend your request, whichever is sooner, to respond to the request;
- The District may request an additional 10 business days to comply with your request;

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- You have the right to ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor ("PAC") to review the District's voluminous request designation; and
- If you fail to accept or collect any responsive records, the District may still charge you for its response pursuant to FOIA Section 6, and failure to pay will be considered a debt due and owing to the District, which may be collected in accordance with applicable law.

Finally, please be advised that FOIA does not require the District to answer questions. See *Kenyon v. Garrels*, 184 Ill. App. 3d 28, 32 (4th Dist. 1989).

Sincerely,

Scott Woods FOIA Officer