RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96
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October 2, 2026

VIA E-MAIL
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Response

Dear Mr. Panatera:

On September 25, 2026, the School District received from you a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request for the following:

> Any and all records concerning the accident that occurred on September 14, 2026, at approximately 3:19 p.m. on northbound Woodside Road at or near 65 Woodside Road, Riverside, Illinois. This accident involves a bicycle rider and a First Student bus.
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> Please produce any and all records, including any reports and any and all videos or photographs taken by or in the possession of Riverside School District 96 related to the investigation of the accident at issue. Specifically, please produce the video referenced in the bottom supplement section of the attached Riverside Police Department report, which references Principal Chris Harvalis.

The District is in possession of the video requested, but it is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. The video footage depicts a minor student and a serious incident involving the child's health. The student and the parents/guardians have a reasonable expectation of personal privacy regarding what is depicted in the video. The release of video footage of the child would be objectionable to a reasonable person. Thus, the video footage constitutes personal information that is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

If you disagree with the nature of the records provided to you in response to your request, please reach out to me. Similarly, if you believe that this response is an improper denial of your request, I invite you to discuss your objections with me. You have the right to have the denials 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 contacting the PAC at: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General; 500 South 2nd Street; Springfield, Illinois 62701; Fax: 217-782-1396; E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov; 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 the 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,

Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye
FOIA Officer