

BOARD OF EDUCATION

School District 45, DuPage County Villa Park, Illinois

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2023-2024 FOIA Report

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BOE Mtg Date	Receive Date	Response Date	FOIA REQUEST Please Note: The request language below is exactly as it appears on the original document. Therefore, typographical, spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors will appear, if contained in the original request document.	FOIA Officer
5/6/24	4/19/24	4/24/24	Susan Sarkauskas (Daily Herald) made the following request: • Copies of the resolutions and contracts the board voted on [the week of April 15] regarding Dr. Palmisano's retirement contract • The employment contracts for [Dr. Palmisano] and Dr. Graber • The retirement agreement/contract the board voted on in 2023 for Dr. Palmisano • The [2023] contract for Dr. Graber	Brian Graber
5/6/24	4/16/24	4/23/24	David Giuliani (Patch.com) made the following request: I am seeking the following documentation: • The agreement for Anthony Palmisano's departure. • The correspondence that prompted Mr. Palmisano to go on leave months ago.	Brian Graber
5/6/24	4/15/24	4/15/24	Tom Syron (SMART Local 265) made the following request: Under the Freedom of Information Act, I'm requesting information for the construction and/or maintenance work planned this year 2024 for any building owned or leased by your district which includes the scopes listed below. In addition, if any contracts have already been awarded, please include the names and contact information of those contractor(s) and/or sub-contractor(s). • HVAC (Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation), Exhaust Systems. • Roof Work or Architectural Metals used for weatherproofing and/or ornamental purposes. • Gutters and /or Downspouts. • New installation and/or replacement of lockers. • Kitchen Renovations. • Current HVAC Maintenance Contracts.	Brian Graber

3/18/24	3/5/24	3/25/24	 Sheri Reid (SmartProcure) made the following request: SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the DuPage County School District No. 45 for any and all purchasing records from 12/15/2023 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address 	Brian Graber
3/18/24	3/4/24	3/14/24	Nathan Mihelich (Illinois Retired Teachers Association) made the following request: Please provide the name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this year. Please provide the requested records electronically. Please email to freedom@irtaonline.org. If your district has NO RETIREES this year, simply reply to this email with the word NONE and please include your name, district name and number of your district and I will consider the request fulfilled. This is a request by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a 501c4 not-for-profit Illinois organization.	Brian Graber
12/18/23	12/06/23	1/10/24	 Sheri Reid (SmartProcure) made the following request: SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the DuPage County School District No. 45 for any and all purchasing records from 7/1/2023 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address 	Brian Graber
12/18/23	11/26/23	11/30/23	Patrick Lee (Change the Air Foundation) made the following request: I am doing public research and would like to request your latest IAQ and Environmental Testing for your schools. I am seeking the actual report that includes mold spore sampling data for each of your schools. I understand if certain floorplan info needs to be redacted from the reports and I pre-accept these redactions as you see required. If you have not ever conducted any IAQ and Environmental Testing for your schools, you can let me know in your response accordingly.	Brian Graber

12/18/23	11/16/23	11/29/23	Katherine Case (Science of Reading Illinois) made the following request: Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records related to the literacy curriculum used within your district. Specifically, I am looking for: 1) the names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 2) the grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula, 3) the dates the reading curricula were purchased, 4) and if there are plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future. If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform us of an estimated cost. This information is being sought for research purposes for a project funded by the Science of Reading Illinois to better understand literacy instruction in Illinois, and is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact us with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite the specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures evaluated to record the low.	Brian Graber	
			available to me under the law.		
10/16/23	09/07/23	10/10/23	Sheri Reid (SmartProcure) made the following request: SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the DuPage County School District No. 45 for any and all purchasing records from 3/10/2023 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is:	n Graber	
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			Under the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, Illinois Revised Statutes Ch. 116, Par. 201, I am requesting the following information and/or documentation sufficient to show:	L	
10/02/23	09/27/23	09/27/23	9/29/23	Copies of, or documents sufficient to show, all invoices, costs and reports related to the district's radon testing and retesting done at district buildings between 2018 through today. Copies of, or documents sufficient to show, all invoices, costs and reports regarding remediation of radon contamination in any of the district buildings between 2018 through today.	Brian Graber

10/02/23	09/12/23	9/29/23	 Karen Garcia (SmartProcure) made the following request: SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the DuPage County School District No. 45 for all current employee/staff contact information. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. First Name 2. Last Name 3. Position Title 4. Department 5. Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension) 6. Business Cell Phone (if provided by DuPage County School District No. 45) 7. Email Address 8. Office Address (Address, City, State, Zip) 	Brian Graber
09/18/23	09/11/23	9/15/23	Please identify (by employee name and work email address) each and every District employee who is certified as a school librarian (meaning they have the school library licensure and/or endorsement in library media) and who is currently working in that capacity in your District's library/libraries/media centers this academic school year. Please note that a "certified school librarian" may also be called a "District Librarian," "certified media specialist," or an "information specialist." This request is NOT seeking parent volunteers or support staff members who are non-certified and working in a school library. The purpose of the request is to identify the number of certified school librarians working in Illinois Public School Districts. Please send your response to me electronically. This request is not for commercial purposes.	Brian Graber

	07/26/23		This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am sending this request to more than 375 public school districts in the Chicago area, including School District 45 DuPage County. I have also already sent this request to more than 200 Chicago-area public library systems – all for a series of stories I plan to do on book-ban-requests and other challenges to material in our local public libraries, school libraries, and school classrooms.	
			Please provide me with documents sufficient to show all communications (emails, letters, texts, board proceedings, or notes from phone calls) received by School District 45 DuPage County, which include a request to reconsider, ban, and/or challenge any book or any other material in any of your school district's libraries or classrooms. I am hoping that any existing documents will include the following:	
c.			1. The date of each such request;	ber
08/21/23		8/2/23	2. The title(s) of each book(s) or other material that was requested to be pulled from your shelves or classrooms, as well as any reason stated by the requestor;	Brian Graber
			3. Any response (email, letters, texts, board proceedings, or notes from phone calls) from anyone in your district, your school board, or individual school, to each request;	ā
			4. The resolution of each request (i.e.: the book or material was removed completely; the book or material was partially restricted; the book or material remains on your shelves or in your classrooms; etc.).	
			Please also provide me with any documented threats that have been received by School District 45 DuPage County, your school board, or any of your individual schools, librarians or teachers, via email, letters, texts, or voicemail recordings, that are related to books or other material kept in one of your libraries or classrooms.	
			I am requesting all such material from January 1, 2013 to the present.	

08/21/23	07/12/23	7/19/23	Vince Espi (Prairie State Wire) made the following request: I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 14, preferably in electronic format: Total spending on substitute teachers by school, for the past five years. Please provide the expenditure breakdown by year and school. Number of substitute teacher days by school, for the past five years. Kindly provide the number of substitute teacher days for each year and school. Per diem/payment schedule for substitute teachers for the past five years. Please provide the per diem rates or payment schedule used for substitute teachers during each year within the past five years. Names of all substitute teachers, total days worked, and total payments made to them for the last five years. Please provide a list of substitute teachers who have worked within the school district for each year within the past five years. Additionally, include the total number of days worked by each substitute teacher and the corresponding total payment made to them. I understand that complete data for all the requested points may not be available for	Brian Graber
			all years. In such cases, I kindly request that you provide any partial data that is available to you. I greatly appreciate any efforts made to fulfill this request, even if it involves providing partial data. As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.	
07/17/23	06/08/23	7/12/23	Sheri Reid (SmartProcure) made the following request: SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the DuPage County School District No. 45 for any and all purchasing records from 3/10/2023 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address	Brian Graber