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Molly Sweeney
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Dear Molly Sweeney,

This message is in response to your FOIA request received on March 31, 2025 seeking an incident report related to the district's investigation into the "restroom incident" at the high school.

After reviewing your request, we must respectfully deny access to the requested records. The information you are seeking constitutes student records, which are protected under both state and federal law.

Specifically, pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7.5(r)), student records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA. This exemption is reinforced by the Illinois School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), which prohibits the release of personally identifiable information from student records without the written consent of a parent or eligible student, except under specific circumstances not applicable in this case.

Accordingly, the requested incident report is exempt from disclosure as it contains confidential student information.

Sincerely,

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