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VIA E-MAIL TO

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Dear Ms. LeFevour:

On June 2, 2022, the School District received your request for records, as follows:

*Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., We request any and all public documents, including, but not limited to, emails, memos, text messages, phone records and meeting notes between and among D90 Board members and other District faculty including Alison Hawley, Larry Gartski and all teachers and parents regarding the District's decision to implement and continue block instruction in the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year. In addition, please include all aforementioned public documents, including public comment, related to the April 5th and May 16th D90 Board meetings. And any and all communication with staff members and parents with questions and concerns with the block schedule.*

*A few additional more specific requests:*

- The name and findings of any consultants retained by D90 to provide advice on block schedule, around 2018, including but not limited to any internal conclusions to follow or reject or modify the consultants recommendations.*
- All internal memos, emails and reports regarding the decision to utilize block scheduling for the 21-22 school year, including the decision to utilize a four period block.*
- All internal memos, emails and reports regarding the decision to reject block schedules that were more than 4 periods a day.*
- All emails, notes and letters from parents and guardians advising that a four period block was not the best way to teach their children.*
- All surveys and polls conducted and the findings as they pertain to the block schedule.*
- All internal memos, email and reports, including but not limited to memos to teachers around handling thereof, regarding increased behavior incidences amongst students, including but not limited to, walking the hall, increasing gaming use on the iPad during instructional time, phone use during instructional time and other behavior issues that relate to the 4 period block schedule.*

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This response is provided in accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, *et seq.* ("FOIA"). Please find responsive records enclosed. Please note that the District has withheld private information including personal e-mails pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA and has withheld information of a personal nature about individuals and minors, including health information and information related to identifiable students as confidential information pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA and well as withholding information related to identifiable students as student record information prohibited from disclosure under the *Illinois School Student Records Act* and statutorily exempt under Section 7.5(r) of FOIA. In addition, the District denies your request pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA with respect to pre-decisional and deliberative records in which opinions are expressed, that constitute preliminary drafts and/or in which information is gathered for purposes of formulating action.

Rights Upon Denial

When a request for public records is partially denied, the requester has the right to seek a review by the Office of the Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted as follows:

Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Phone: (877) 299-3642 / Fax: (217) 782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

When a request for public records is denied, the requester also has the right to judicial review under Section 11 of FOIA.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me.

Sincerely,

RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90



By: \_\_\_\_\_

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