

River Forest
Public Schools

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October 8, 2021

Katherine Smyser

Communicated via email to: katy.smyser@nbcni.com

Dear Ms. Smyser:

This letter is in response to your electronic *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request received in my office on October 5, 2021.

Request: 1) “RECORDS REQUESTED:

I am requesting all documents, data, and/or spreadsheets sufficient to show all unclaimed funds under the control of River Forest School District 90 which have NOT been reported or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer for inclusion in the state’s Unclaimed Property fund and database. This would include unclaimed money and property that is not yet old enough to be transferred to the Treasurer, including unclaimed refunds of any type; uncashed and/or “stale” checks or warrants; refunds or reimbursements for taxes, tuition, housing, incidentals, insurance payments, expenses, or any other type of refund or reimbursement; and all other unclaimed property and money which is currently under the control of your agency. For all documents, data or spreadsheets that contain information on these unclaimed funds, I am requesting all fields of data, including the specific amount of each unclaimed fund; the name and the address of each person or entity to which each fund is due; a description of what each piece of unclaimed property or money is; any control number or property number attached to each property; and any applicable dates connected with each piece of unclaimed property.”

RESPONSE: See attached documents of funds not reported or transferred, itemized by bank account.

Request: 2) “RECORDS REQUESTED:

I am requesting documents, data, and/or spreadsheets showing all unclaimed property which your office HAS reported and/or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer, in response to the requirements of Illinois’ Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, from January 1, 2016 to the present. I request that these documents, data and/or spreadsheets include all available fields, including the specific amount of each parcel of unclaimed property which was reported and/or transferred to the Illinois Treasurer’s office; a description of what the property or cash is; the name and address of the person or entity due the property or cash; any date associated with each parcel of unclaimed property or cash; and any control number or other reference number for the property or cash.

RESPONSE: No documents included as there has not been any unclaimed property reported or transferred.

Request: 3) "RECORDS REQUESTED:

I am requesting documents, data and/or spreadsheets showing all claims for unclaimed property DUE TO River Forest School District 90 FROM the Illinois Treasurer's Unclaimed Property fund, for which you have submitted a claim or documentation to the Illinois Treasurer's Office, from January 1, 2016 to the present, including the amount of each property claimed; the date your office submitted the claim, the property ID number from the Illinois State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property database, and the current status of each claim you submitted (i.e., whether you received the property or money, or whether the claim is still pending).

RESPONSE: See attached claim documents:

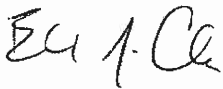
Claim ID's 7294761 and 7294768 were submitted on 2/20/19 and combined into claim ID 7294761 by the Illinois Treasurer. Total claim refund of \$247.42 was received on 3/29/19.

Claim ID 8447122 was submitted on 10/6/21. Claim refund of \$300.05 is still pending.

As Superintendent of the District, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent

From: Smyser, Katherine (NBCUniversal) Katy.Smyser@nbcuni.com
Subject: 10/5/2021 FOIA request from NBC5 Chicago
Date: October 4, 2021 at 6:16 PM
To: CondonE@district90.org



October 5, 2021

Dr. Ed Condon
Superintendent
River Forest School District 90
7776 Lake Street
River Forest, IL 60305-1735

Sent via email to: CondonE@district90.org

Dear Dr. Condon:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

First, please forgive me if I have incorrect FOIA contact information. If you can let me know if I need to redirect this request to a different email or different name, I'd really appreciate it, and I promise to update my contact list for future FOIAs.

I am making this request of all governmental entities across the greater Chicago area, as I gather material on all unclaimed funds held by (or due to) people and entities in our area, including River Forest School District 90. I am preparing a series of reports on the scope and breadth of unclaimed money due to Chicago-area individuals, governmental bodies, and others.

This is a three-part request. If these documents are controlled by a separate office or governmental entity, it's likely I've sent a similar FOIA request to them as well. Conversely, if your office handles this material for other offices or departments, be aware that I've probably sent a FOIA request to them as well. I'm hoping that, wherever possible, such FOIAs can be combined, to avoid multiple offices having to respond with the same paperwork and data.

First, I am requesting all documents, data, and/or spreadsheets sufficient to show all unclaimed funds under the control of River Forest School District 90 which have NOT been reported or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer for inclusion in the state's Unclaimed Property fund and database. This would include unclaimed money and property that is not yet old enough to be transferred to the Treasurer, including unclaimed refunds of any type; uncashed and/or "stale" checks or warrants; refunds or reimbursements for taxes, tuition, housing, incidentals, insurance payments, expenses, or any other type of refund or reimbursement; and all other unclaimed property and money which is currently under the control of your agency. For all documents, data or spreadsheets that contain information on these unclaimed funds, I am requesting all fields of data, including the specific amount of each unclaimed fund; the name and the address of each person or entity to which each fund is due; a description of what each piece of unclaimed property or money is; any control number or property number attached to each property; and any applicable dates connected with each piece of unclaimed property.

Second. I am requesting documents, data, and/or spreadsheets showing all unclaimed property

which your office HAS reported and/or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer, in response to the requirements of Illinois' Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, from January 1, 2016 to the present. I request that these documents, data and/or spreadsheets include all available fields, including the specific amount of each parcel of unclaimed property which was reported and/or transferred to the Illinois Treasurer's office; a description of what the property or cash is; the name and address of the person or entity due the property or cash; any date associated with each parcel of unclaimed property or cash; and any control number or other reference number for the property or cash.

Third, I am requesting documents, data and/or spreadsheets showing all claims for unclaimed property DUE TO River Forest School District 90 FROM the Illinois Treasurer's Unclaimed Property fund, for which you have submitted a claim or documentation to the Illinois Treasurer's Office, from January 1, 2016 to the present, including the amount of each property claimed; the date your office submitted the claim, the property ID number from the Illinois State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property database, and the current status of each claim you submitted (i.e., whether you received the property or money, or whether the claim is still pending).

Because this request is in the public interest, I request that you waive all fees. And if you reject any portion of this request, please tell me why.

I would be more than happy to help, in any way possible, as you work on this FOIA request. And – again – if you are able to combine this FOIA request with others I've sent to related offices (so that you don't have to duplicate this paperwork), please do. And if you have any questions or need any further information from me, please don't hesitate to email me at katy.smyser@nbcuni.com.

Thank you in advance for your help with this request!

Katy Smyser