

Catherine Chang

From: Catherine Chang
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:37 PM
To: 'sreeder@illinoispolicy.org'
Subject: RE: IMPORTANT -- FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Reeder,

Thank you for writing to Pleasantdale School District 107 with your request for information, dated January 7, 2015, pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. Specifically, you requested for

- Provisions within the district's collective bargaining agreement providing for compensation (pay and or benefits) for union officials while performing union-related activities.
- The pay record of the employee(s) who receive this benefit.

Per Section 8.4 of the District and Teachers Association of Pleasantdale IEA/NEA Professional Agreement, " No more than four (4) days will be granted yearly to the Association for the purpose of conducting Association business. Four (4) association members who conduct business on the same day constitutes the maximum annual allowance of four (4) days. The Association will reimburse the District the daily cost of substitutes resulting from such leave." Since the District does not compensate employee who receive the benefit, there are no pay record of such nature.

Sincerely,
Catherine Chang
Freedom of Information Officer
Pleasantdale School District 107
708-784-2172

cc: Board of Education
Dr. Fredisdorf, Superintendent

From: Scott Reeder [mailto:sreeder@illinoispolicy.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 5:14 PM
To: sreeder@lnews.org
Subject: IMPORTANT -- FOIA Request

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140.

I request the following:

- Provisions within the district's collective bargaining agreement providing for compensation (pay and or benefits) for union officials while performing union-related activities.
- The pay record of the employee(s) who receive this benefit.

In lieu of the actual documents, a statement of what annual financial benefits accorded union leadership by the school district for union work would suffice.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

I am requesting these documents in electronic format.

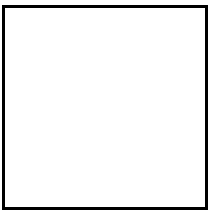
Please note as of Jan. 1, 2015, it is a Class 4 felony to withhold public documents available through the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

I write a newspaper column that appears weekly in more than 70 newspapers across the state. The requested information will contribute to my journalism endeavors.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within seven working days, as required by the Act. 5 ILCS 140(3).

If you have any questions regarding this request, I can be reached at: [\(217\) 528-8800 ext. 203](tel:(217)528-8800).

Sincerely,



Scott Reeder

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