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June 22, 2023

VIA E-MAIL TO  
[foia@prairiestatewire.com](mailto:foia@prairiestatewire.com)

Dear Mr. Espi:

On June 8, 2023, the School District received your request for records, as follows:

1. *Any contracts or agreements entered into between your school district and vendors providing Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) services from January 1st, 2019, to the present day.*
2. *Invoices, payment records, or financial documentation related to payments made to DEI vendors during the specified period.*
3. *Any reports, assessments, or evaluations conducted by DEI vendors, including their findings and recommendations.*
4. *Communications, including emails, letters, and memos, exchanged between your school district and DEI vendors, discussing the provision of services or any related matters.*

**RESPONSE:** See Attached

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EJ Condon".

Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



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June 15, 2023

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While the School District attempts to process all such requests as expeditiously as possible, we anticipate a delay in processing your request for the reason or reasons checked below:

- The requested records are stored in whole or in part at locations other than the office having charge of the records.
- The request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records.
- The request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the requested records.
- The requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them.
- The requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions.
- The request for records cannot be complied with by the District within the time limits set forth in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the District.

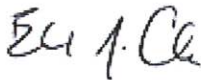
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- There is a need for consultation, which will be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.

This extends the response deadline by five (5) business days, to June 23, 2023. If you have any questions regarding the content of this correspondence, please contact the School District's Administrative Office for assistance.

Sincerely,

RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90



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

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

**From:** Vince Espi foia@prairiestatewire.com  
**Subject:** FOIA Request - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vendors  
**Date:** June 8, 2023 at 1:49 PM  
**To:** CondonE@district90.org

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Prairie State Wire, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

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As a member of the media, I qualify for media exemptions under FOIA, which entitles me to access certain records for news reporting purposes.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Vince Espi

Prairie State Wire