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Ms. Laura Kitaeff  
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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Kitaeff:

This correspondence is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request received by the School District on January 20, 2025.

You requested the following records:

1. Any **complaints, reports, allegations, concerns, or written statements**, whether formal or informal, submitted by **any teacher or certificated staff member** to the District regarding **Kathleen Tomei**, Principal of **Pleasantdale Elementary School**. This request includes complaints or concerns received via email, memoranda, internal reporting systems, handwritten statements, or any other medium.
2. Any **records reflecting receipt of notice, communication, or inquiry** from any **Illinois state agency or governmental body**, including but not limited to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Office of the Executive Inspector General, or any other oversight entity, indicating that **Kathleen Tomei** was the subject of a **review, inquiry, complaint, or investigation**, regardless of whether the investigation was initiated by the District or by an external agency.
3. Any **records reflecting District acknowledgment, response, cooperation, or action** taken in connection with such complaints, inquiries, or notices, including confirmations of receipt, referrals, or determinations that the matter would be handled by an external agency.

Please be advised that all records found to be responsive to this request are being withheld pursuant to the following exemption(s) set forth in the Freedom of Information Act:

- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) – Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated.

To the extent your request has been denied by the District Freedom of Information Officer, you may appeal this decision to the Illinois Attorney General -Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, 877-299-3642 [[publicaccess@ilag.gov](mailto:publicaccess@ilag.gov)]. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court for Cook County, Illinois.

Respectfully,

Griffin Sonntag  
Pleasantdale School District 107 FOIA Officer