



## Director of Community Relations Report to the Board of Education

Aubrey Knight – February 18, 2026

### A. Processed FOIA Requests

- TJ Schaeffler (received 1/12/26 I responded 1/20/26) "I am requesting access to public records related to the employment separation of the following former Minooka Community High School employees: Sabrina Dubik – former dance coach, Bernie Ruettiger – former wrestling coach. Specifically, I request copies of any existing records maintained by the District that reflect or relate to: Letters of resignation, termination notices, or non-renewal notices, Separation agreements or settlement agreements (if any), Disciplinary records, investigative summaries, or findings that formed the basis for the separation (if such records exist), Communications (including emails or memoranda) between District administrators regarding the decision to terminate, not renew, or accept resignation for either individual, Board agendas, meeting minutes, or executive session records reflecting discussion or action related to these employment separations, Any complaints, allegations, or written statements that were formally received by the District and relied upon in employment decisions, with all student names and personally identifiable student information fully redacted as required by law. I am not requesting student educational records or personally identifiable student information, and I understand such information may be redacted pursuant to FERPA and applicable exemptions under FOIA."
- Sheila Norman, Illinois Retired Teachers Association, (received 1/15/26 I responded 1/22/26) "We are reaching out to school districts to request the contact information of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2026."
- Chris Miller, Public Info Access LLC, (received 1/19/26 I responded 1/26/26) "I am requesting copies of any existing records that describe purchasing or contracting approval authority within your School District. Specifically, please provide records, policies, schedules, or tables that identify: Dollar thresholds requiring approval by school administrators (e.g., principals), Dollar thresholds requiring approval by central office staff or department leadership, Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the superintendent or designee, Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the board of education. If approval thresholds differ by category (for example, instructional materials, instructional technology, software, professional services, or consulting), please include records reflecting those distinctions. Please note: I am not requesting the creation of any new records. This request is limited to existing records only. If no such records exist, please confirm that in writing. If any of the requested records are already publicly available, a link or citation to their location would be sufficient."
- Anne Butler, MCHS Bus Driver, (received 1/28/26 I responded 2/4/26) "I would like to submit a FOIA request for my time sheets that I have filled out for this year. I have been told that Peggy is working on them. So I would also like the sheets that ultimately say what they decided to pay me after Sloane submitted them."
- Anne Butler, MCHS Bus Driver, (received 1/30/26 I responded 2/6/26) "I need the camera in bus 71 that shows the door of that bus this am, the 30th of January. From

5:55-6:05 my bus wasn't started but all of the other buses were. I think it was turned off by Sam Nance before he left for his route. Please make that from 5:50-6:05z. No students are in the bus at this time."

- Anne Butler, MCHS Bus Driver, (received 2/5/26 I responded 2/12/26) "The run offs are very faint. Too faint to read and I need explanation of what I was actually paid. What the mark ups mean and which mark up pen was ultimately used for my pay. I'm sure there is some sort of summary that Peggy used to figure my pay out in the 2 weeks that she was working on it. I had asked for that in my FOIA also. Which I didn't get."

**B. Recognitions**

- Rotary Student of the Month – Alexa Flores
- GAVC Award Winners – Payton Barnes, Alexandria Guerrero, Gabrielle Roddy, Andersen Klemme, Olivia Coyne, and Manya Patel
- Positive Referrals – Victoria Jesionowski and Aiden Ellspemann

**C. Communication/Social Media**

- **Top Facebook Post:** (February 5, 2026) We are excited to feature MCHS alumna Michaela (Genz) Gallaher '12 who is self-employed as a sourdough baker. While at MCHS, she participated in freshman cheer, choir, madrigals, and musicals. She went to college in Nashville and worked/paid her way through school. She volunteers as a mentor for INCubator edu program at Plainfield Central H.S., participates in "Bakers Give Back" bake sale to contribute funds to the Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry, and is a staple sourdough vendor at the Plainfield Farmers Market each summer. She currently resides in Plainfield with her husband and two kids. #mchs proud
- **Top Instagram Post:** (January 28, 2026) We did a parade State send off throughout Central Campus with the drumline for our Boys Bowling Team, Dance Team, and Illinois Music Education Association All-State Selection. Best of luck to all as they compete at State! #mchs proud
- **Top Twitter Post:** (December 18, 2025) At last night's Board of Education meeting, Coach Kevin Gummerson recognized junior Natalie Nahs who placed 18th overall and earned All-State honors at the IHSA Cross Country State Championship! Congratulations! #mchs proud
- **Reach:**
  - Facebook: 395,300
  - Instagram: 297,400
  - Twitter/X – 8,700
  - Messages to Parents (via Thrillshare) 41
- **Press Releases**
  - "Minooka Community High School Names New Assistant Superintendent" (January 23)
  - "School Environment Matters: MCHS District #111 Administers Fourteenth Illinois 5Essentials Survey to Improve Student Learning" (January 28)
  - "Minooka Community High School Students Earn Director Awards from the Grundy Area Vocational Center" (January 30)
  - "Minooka Community High School to Host Production of Spring Musical 'Freaky Friday'" (February 2)
  - "Minooka Community High School Senior Named Rotary Club 'Student of the Month'" (February 3)

**D. Events/Activities Promoted**

- ACT Excel Edge (January 21-March 11)
- Important Senior Dates (January 23)
- Boys' Volleyball Camp (January 25)
- Early Release (January 28)
- Yearbook Sales (Now-January 31)
- Illinois 5Essentials Survey (February 3-March 13)
- ASL Cookie Grams (Now-February 9)
- Athletic Booster Club Meeting (February 9)
- Inclusion Spirit Week (February 9-13)
- Basketball Bingo (February 11)
- JJC Dual Credit Night (February 11)
- "A Night of Entertainment" (February 14)
- No School – Presidents' Day (February 16)
- 6-Week Progress Reports (February 19)
- Spring Craft Fair & Raffle (February 21)
- NHS Blood Drive (February 24)
- Student Council Trivia Night (February 24)
- Early Release (February 25)
- No School – Teacher Institute Day (February 27)
- Winter Formal (February 27)
- GAVC Internship Program (Now-February 27)
- Senior Scholarships (Now-March 1)
- Athletic Booster Club Meeting (March 9)
- Welcome Reception & Musical Matinee (March 11)
- Career Exploration Fair (March 12)
- "Freaky Friday" Musical (March 12-14)
- Denim & Diamonds (March 21)
- Lions Club Top 30 (March 24)
- Cap & Gown Pickup (March 24-25)
- Spring Break (March 30-April 6)
- Prom (April 24)
- Seniors Last Day of School (May 12)
- Senior Honors Night (May 12)
- Graduation Practice (May 15)
- Graduation (May 17)
- Diploma Pickup (May 18-22)
- Academic Resource Center College Visits (ongoing)
- Brick Paver Sales (ongoing)
- Fieldhouse & CTE Additions (ongoing)