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June 28, 2022

VIA E-MAIL TO  
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Dear Mr. Lefko:

On June 21, 2022, the School District extended the response deadline by five (5) days, to June 28, 2022 for your June 13, 2022 *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request as follows:

*This is a follow-up and narrower Freedom of Information request to River Forest District 90 for the same ordinary documents maintained in standard record keeping – receipts and invoices of District 90 expenditures. I'm asking for copies of all receipts and invoices for all expenditures related to English language arts curricula and instruction, the training of teachers in any area connected to English language arts, consultants hired in any capacity and all public documents, related in any way to English language arts instruction in District 90, this includes all receipts between June 12, 2019 and June 12, 2022.*

**RESPONSE:** Attached, please find the materials that are responsive to your request.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this correspondence, please contact the School District's Administrative Office for assistance.

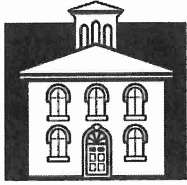
Sincerely,

RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90

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

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



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Dear Mr. Lefko:

On June 13, 2022, the School District received your request for records, as follows:

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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.
- 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.

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This extends the response deadline by five (5) business days, to June 28, 2022. 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

Handwritten signature of Edward J. Condon in black ink.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools and  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 10:54 AM

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**Subject:** FOIA - River Forest D90 English language arts receipts - last three years

Thanks Ed, for your speedy denial of my FOIA request for receipts related to all River Forest District 90 expenditures related to curriculum and instruction of English language arts. I have to agree, spending weeks to dig up receipts to try and piece together changes to curriculum and instruction is a waste of time compared to the very reasonable expectation that a curriculum director would document curriculum changes over time with reference to curriculum names, grades, timing etc. I appreciate the call a while back saying Alison doesn't keep such records of curriculum change, which is why I continue to search alternative sources for the same information.

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This request is for three years and specifically addresses your concerns with burdensome length of time in my earlier request.

Much thanks  
Steve Lefko