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February 12, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL
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Dear Michael Henrys:

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was emailed on February 5, 2026. A copy of that request is attached. Your FOIA requested three different items:

1. The name of the District's primary attorney since 2019.
2. Proof of background checks for Board Members since 2019.
3. Proof of background checks for Board Members statewide since 2010.

Below are the records responsive to your request:

1. The name of the District's primary attorney since 2019 is Robbins Schwartz.
2. The District has conducted a reasonable search and has no records responsive to this portion of the request.
3. The District has conducted a reasonable search and has no records responsive to this portion of the request.

Sincerely,

Scott Woods, FOIA Officer
Rantoul City School District #137

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Freedom Of Information Request

1 message

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Dear District FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.
I request copies of the following public records:

From 2019 Please give the firm and name of the Districts Primary Attorney. if no primary Attorney
Please list all Firms and Attorneys employed by
your School District from Jan 1, 2019 Forward

From 2019 thru the present please provide Documentation the District Complied with Illinois law
and Performed the Background
checks the District Superintendent is supposed to perform of who ever is designated to perform

The Background Checks for Board members Prior to them being Goven the Oath Of Office.

Please Provide the background reports as Required under Illinois Law for each School Board
elected in the State Of Illinois from 2010 Present,
Performed by Each of the Government Entities in this Email.

Under Illinois Law (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9), the legal responsibility to initiate and ensure that criminal
background checks are conducted on school board members—prior to being sworn into office—
lies with the School District, typically managed by the Superintendent or the Board's designated
Human Resources Department/officer.

Key Details on Responsibility and Process:

- Legal Mandate: Illinois law requires that school board members, who are essentially considered "applicants" for the position of managing the school district, must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check.
- Responsible Party: The School District must initiate these checks, which include fingerprint-based checks through the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Databases Searched: The required background check includes:

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- Illinois State Police (ISP) Criminal History Records Information.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national crime information databases.
- Statewide Sex Offender Registry.
- Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Reg

I am requesting these records for a non-commercial purpose
If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50.00

However, I request a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of this information is in the public interest.

As provided by law, I expect a response within five working days.
Sincerely,

Michael F. Henry