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Dear Megan McMillin:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information (“FOIA”) request to Pleasantdale School District 107 dated September 25, 2025. Specifically, you requested the District provide you the following information:

1. “The total number of complaints, reports, or written communications received by District 107 administration (including but not limited to Dr. Dave Palzet) regarding Almir Emso between **June 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025**. Please include whether those complaints were forwarded to outside agencies, legal counsel, or the Board of Education.
2. Any logs, summaries, or tracking documents maintained by the district that reflect complaints or reports regarding Almir Emso from **January 1, 2015 to present**, including the date of each complaint and its status/outcome (e.g., substantiated, unsubstantiated, referred, dismissed). Personal identifying information of complainants may be redacted.

This request is not seeking the full content of individual complaints or personnel files, but rather aggregate information, numbers, and administrative records showing the volume and handling of complaints.”

The District conducted a search for records responsive to your request; however, no responsive records were found. FOIA does not require a public body to create or generate a new record that is responsive to a request. See *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427 ¶ 33; *Hites v. Waubensee Community College*, 2016 IL App (2d) 150836 ¶ 74-76. A FOIA request must reasonably identify a public record that exists, rather than seek statistics or data through generalized questions. *Chicago Tribune Co.*, at ¶ 33. FOIA does not require a public body to answer “general inquiry questions” or respond to an interrogatory-like request. *Hites*, 2016 IL App (2d) at ¶ 75.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this response, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Griffin Sonntag
Pleasantdale School District 107 FOIA Officer