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Dr. Todd A. Hellrigel, Superintendent

October 1, 2025

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Peoria Standard:

We are in receipt of your electronic message from Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

You requested that Midwest Central CUSD 191 provide the following information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act:

- Names of newly inducted National Honor Society members from your high schools
- Names of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) finalists, if any from your high schools
- Names of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) winners-- including Semifinalists, Commended Scholars, etc. from your high schools

Your request is denied because the information requested is exempt under Section 7(1)(a) and 7.5(r) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a)) because the requested information is protected by federal or state law, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The person responsible for this denial is Dr. Todd Hellrigel who holds the title of Superintendent in the school district. You have the right to have this response reviewed by the Illinois Public Access Counselor. The Public Access Counselor can be contacted as follows:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Phone: 1-877-299-FOIA / (1-877-299-3642)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. (5 ILCS 140/11.)

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd Hellrigel
Superintendent
Midwest Central CUSD 191



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