


Appeal to FOIA Denial

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APPEAL

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Freedom of Information Coordinator
Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency
1819 E Milham Ave
Portage, Michigan 49002
Attention; Jackie Martell
FOIA Coordinator
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Dear Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to appeal your agency's determination that "my FOIA request was "denied based on these letter/ records do not exist". This denial indicates that Kalamazoo RESA's Executive Director of Preschool Programming is refusing to comply with MCL 388.1632d(13)(a)(b)(c)Great start readiness programs; use of funds; eligibility; competitive grant.

KRESA Executive Director of Preschool Programming, Rachel Roberts, denied Pre K International's application request for funding on June 24, 2024, but refused to create documents as evidence of her decision and why she made her decision as required and stated in Michigan Compiled Law 388.1632d(13)(a)(b)(c) otherwise known as THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979. I am requesting Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's President or its Board of Directors compel its Executive Director of Preschool Programming, or whomever may be qualified and capable to create the documents related to Pre K International Child Care Center's ineligibility for funding for KRESA for the

school year of 2024-2025 as required by law, and provide copies of those documents to Pre K International Child Care Center as requested in the original FOIA request." This appeal is made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. section 552(a)(6)(A)(ii).

I have included the following information to assist you in the consideration of my appeal:

- A copy of my initial request dated June 28, 2024.
- A copy of the denial letter.

Please reconsider my request because KRESA providing a fully detailed explanation for why Pre K International Child Care Center is ineligible for funding from KRESA will help Pre K International secure separate but equal funding from an alternative nonprofit agency with similar objectives of improving literacy rates among the 31 and counting "at-risk" students currently enrolled Pre K International Child Care Center and residing within the urban community of the Kalamazoo area.

Please provide an itemization of the applicable fees.

As provided in section mcl 15.240(1)(a),(3) FOIA, I expect to receive your reply within ten (10) business days of your receipt of this appeal.

Please contact me at the above address if you have questions regarding this request. I can be contacted by phone at (269) 359-2700 or (269) 870-8412. My e-mail address is jermaine@prekinternational.com. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jermaine Robinson