



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Members, Board of Education  
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent**

**FROM: Chris Jasculca**

**RE: Update on FOIA Requests and Responses**

**DATE: December 20, 2016**

Below is a summary of the recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that the district has received and/or processed.

1. On December 1, 2016, Mr. Nathan Mihelich from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association submitted a FOIA request via email seeking “the name, title and email address of any teachers or administrators who are retiring in 2017.”

We issued our response to Mr. Mihelich’s request on December 5, 2016.

2. On December 1, 2016, Ms. Saria Lofton submitted a FOIA request via email seeking “racial demographics for the gifted and talented program for school year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for all district schools by school name.”

On December 6, 2016, we emailed Ms. Lofton to inform her that, as is permissible under FOIA, we were extending the time to respond to her request by five business days. Based on this extension, we issued our final response to her request on December 8, 2016.

3. On December 5, 2016, Mr. Jeff Kraft submitted the following FOIA request via email.

“I would like to request the following information from D97:

For the past 10 years (SY 2007-2016):

- Final number of D97 8th graders who failed 8th grade and matriculated instead into D200's 8/9 Connection program
- Breakdown of those same students by which middle school attended, gender, race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status

Copies of the records will be fine, rather than inspecting the originals.”

On December 6, 2016, we emailed Mr. Kraft to inform him that, as is permissible under FOIA, we were extending the time to respond to his request by five business days. Based on this extension, our final response to Mr. Kraft’s request was due on December 19, 2016. We were in the process of preparing this response when this report was drafted and submitted for inclusion in the packet of materials for this evening’s meeting.

4. On December 6, 2016, Mr. Jeff Kraft submitted the following FOIA request via email.

“I would like to request a copy of any signed contracts for after-school support at Brooks and Julian middle schools that were awarded in 2016.

If the contract was awarded in response to a Request for Proposals, I request a copy of that RFP and the list of additional companies asked to respond.

Finally, I would like to request all documentation (emails, correspondence) that indicates the reasons for acceptance of the contract and the basis on which it was awarded.”

We issued our response to Mr. Kraft’s request on December 8, 2016.

5. On December 9, 2016, Mr. Thomas Vogel submitted a FOIA request via email seeking “copies via email of all District 97 teacher and administrator salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2016-2017.”

We were in the process of preparing our response to Mr. Vogel’s request (due December 19, 2016) when this report was drafted and submitted for inclusion in the packet of materials for this evening’s meeting.

6. On December 12, 2016, Ms. Saria Lofton submitted the following FOIA request via email.

“My name is Saria Lofton and I am requesting the following :

1. The number of 8th graders who did not qualify for graduation by years end in 2014-2015 and 2015-16 for Brooks and Julian. I am requesting the racial/ethnic and gender demographics of those students per school.
2. The Title I budget for 2015-16 and 2016-17 school year for District 97.
3. Amount of Title I money is going to each school within D97 for the 2016-17 school year and 2015-16.
4. The programs at each D97 school that are being supported by Title I funds for school year 2015-16 and 2016-17.
5. How many certified teachers and/or staff are supporting or teaching in the Title I programs at D97 schools for school year 2015-16 and 2016-2017, breakdown by school.”

We were in the process of preparing our response to Ms. Lofton’s request (due December 20, 2016) when this report was drafted and submitted for inclusion in the packet of materials for this evening’s meeting.