

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Concerned Citizen r.smith.847@proton.me

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Concerned Citizen:

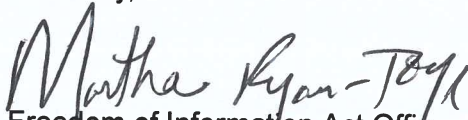
On September 24, 2025, Riverside School District 96 (the "District") received a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request from you. Your request and the District's response are below:

Request: 1. All emails, text messages, correspondence, or board minutes that reference changes to public comment rules, restrictions on public participation, or meeting procedures; 2. All emails, text messages, or minutes that reference teacher or staff discipline, misconduct investigations, or resignations (including the case involving teacher Susan Battersby) and 3. All emails, correspondence, or meeting minutes involving Rachel Marrello that reference the resignations of board members Jeff Kodama and Art Gaynor in August 2014.

Response: I believe the names you were referenced in request #3 should be David Kodama and Lisa Gaynor. Please find enclosed the records responsive to your request. As it pertains to your request for emails and text messages, the District is not in possession of records responsive to this request.

You have the right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62701, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov, Phone: 877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of the denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request for documents and the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. 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,


Martha Ryan-Taylor
Freedom of Information Act Officer