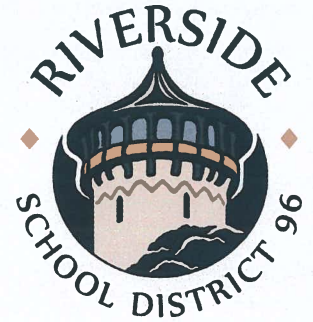


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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Wang:

On January 13, 2025, you submitted a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to Riverside School District 96 (the "District"). Your request and the District's response are below:

Request: How many "migrants" (e.g. illegal aliens/non-U.S. citizens) are enrolled in your school district, currently?

Response: The District is not in possession of records responsive to this request. Further, the Illinois State Board of Education expressly prohibits school districts from collecting information related to a student's immigration status. 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.240.

To the extent you interpret this as a denial of your request, you have the right to have denials 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,


Dr. Martha Ryan-Tobye

Freedom of Information Act Officer