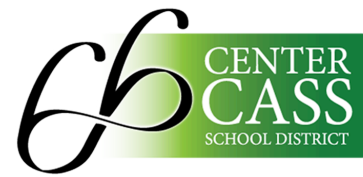


**Maria Gannon, Administrative  
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## Memo

To: Board of Education  
From: Maria Gannon  
Date: February 12, 2025  
Re: FOIA Request

Please find the most recent FOIA request below:

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from DuPage Policy Journal, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

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

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Owen Wang,

DuPage Policy Journal

Below is the District's response to the FOIA:

*Dear Mr. Wang:*

*In response to your FOIA request of January 13, 2025, the State Board of Education is very clear that Illinois public school districts must enroll all students living within their boundaries without regard to the student's immigration or citizenship status. Therefore, District 66 does not collect*

*or maintain any information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any of our students. Accordingly, there are no records responsive to your request.*

*You have a right to have your request 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
Email: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)*

*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.*

*If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter with filing a Request for Review with the PAC.*

*Sincerely -*

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