



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO:** District 97 Board of Education  
Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent

**CC:** Luis Rodriguez, Chief Legal and Equity Officer

**FROM:** Amanda Siegfried, Senior Director of Communications and  
Engagement/FOIA Officer

**SUBJECT:** Request for Records Under Freedom of Information Act

**DATE:** Aug. 8, 2023

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## FOIA Requests and Responses

There were seven requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) during the period of June 10, 2023 - Aug. 4, 2023.

Date Received	Request	Status (as of 7/7/23)
June 14, 2023	A request was received from <b>Maria Pyra</b> for data in the District's possession related to COVID-19.	Response provided on June 22, 2023.
June 16, 2023	A request was received from <b>Katy Smyser of NBC Chicago</b> for settlement agreements, court orders, legal invoices, insurance claims and other documents related to FOIA lawsuits or Public Access Counselor reviews, from January 2013 to present.	Response provided on June 26, 2023.
June 26, 2023	A request was received from <b>Josiah Chatterton of Prairie State Wire</b> for employee names, job titles, locations and pay rates for the current school year.	Response provided on July 3, 2023.
July 12, 2023	A request was received from <b>Vince Espi of Prairie State Wire</b> for substitute teacher data and spending for the past five years.	Response provided on July 26, 2023.
July 25, 2023	A request was received from <b>Henry Gardunio from Latino Express</b> for the bid or RFP proposal for the district's current transportation contract(s), along with copies of all bids received, information pertaining to the current vendor(s), and a recent	In progress (commercial request - due Aug. 23, 2023).

	monthly invoice pertaining to 2022-23 transportation services.	
July 26, 2023	A request was received from <b>Katy Smyser of NBC Chicago</b> for documents related to book ban requests and other challenges to materials used in classrooms, from January 2013 to present.	Response provided on Aug. 2, 2023.
July 28, 2023	A request was received from <b>N. Elizabeth Reynolds of Allison, Slutsky &amp; Kennedy, P.C.</b> for personnel reports and board packets.	In progress.