## **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

**Re:** Freedom of Information Act Requests #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10

To whom it may concern:

The School District received your Freedom of Information Act requests. Your request and the District's response are provided below.

**Request:** The actual electronic data maintained by the Treasurer's office for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years FY98 thru FY24. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

Response: The School District publishes an Annual State of Affairs (ASA) for each fiscal year. These reports, which are an excel file, are publicly available on the website of the Illinois State Board of Education and contain the payment information that you have requested. To access this information: visit the link listed below, click on Cerberus FTP Server, enter "finread" in the username, and then click "Sign-in". This application does not require a password. Select the "ASA" folder, select the year desired, and scroll to find RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 or the District's RCDTS number 050160260020000. Once in the ASA, the vendor information can be found by clicking on the tabs at the bottom of that document. These reports are available for the years 2006-2024. The District does not have records related to before 2006 in the format you requested. To provide the information you request, the District would be required to create records, which it is not required to do under FOIA.

The link to the ISBE reports is here: <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx</a>. The District is not required to provide copies of public records that are already published on its website, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/8.5(a).

You further request that the information be sent in a specific Excel format suggested by you for your own organizational purposes. The District has no obligation to create records or provide records in the organizational format you requested and has not done so.

As the FOIA officer I certify that to the best of my knowledge these records include all information responsive to the request in the District's possession and to the extent described in this response. I am unaware of any other information that exists that is not included in this response.

To the extent you interpret this response as a denial of your 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 62706, 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, Ryan Berry Freedom of Information Officer



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Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 3:00 AM

# FOIA REQUEST #10 March 31, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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March 31, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #10 March 31, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, FOIA #3, FOIA #4, FOIA #5, FOIA #6, FOIA #7, FOIA #8 and FOIA #9, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #10: FY2017, FY2007

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years **2017 and 2007** by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years **2017 and 2007**.

We request a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

Please add our email address, **ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me**, to your contact lists to prevent future communications from being flagged as spam.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: **Monday, April 7, 2025**.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

#### **Email Address:**

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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- 5. A determination that the public body has "acted in bad faith" as contemplated by 5 ILCS 140/11(j), potentially subjecting the public body to civil penalties.
- 6. Immediate legal action to compel compliance with FOIA and to seek all available remedies under Illinois law.

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# FOIA REQUEST #9 March 30, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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Sun, Mar 30, 2025 at 4:18 PM

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March 30, 2025

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#### **REQUEST #9: FY2016, FY2006**

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years **2016 and 2006** by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, April 4, 2025.

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# FOIA REQUEST #8 March 29, 2026\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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**REQUEST #8: FY2015, FY2005** 

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# FOIA REQUEST #7 March 28, 2026\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 7:45 AM

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March 28, 2026

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REQUEST #7: FY2018, FY2008, FY1998

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years **2018**, **2008**, **and 1998** by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

For convenience and organization, we suggest adding the data for fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998 as additional worksheet tabs to the Excel workbook delivered to us in response to FOIA #1 (containing FY, 2024, FY2014, and FY2004). This would result in a single Excel workbook containing multiple "annual" tabs, organizing all responses to date in one file. If this is not feasible, please provide the data for fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years **2018**, **2008**, **and 1998**.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: **Friday, April 4, 2025**.

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REQUEST #6: FY2023, FY2013, FY2003

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Hi Brian,

We've started to get these FOIAs pretty much daily. The requests are at least regionally being received and I suspect statewide. Do you know if IASA is planning to approach the PAC in the AG's office? They are starting to wreak havoc with our staff and we're considering next steps.

Mike

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Dr. Michael Connolly
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Mary Gorr <mgorr@d57.org>

Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 12:14 PM

To: Laurie Heinz <heinzl@ccsd15.net>

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I just reached out to Nicolle Grasse, MB Canty, and Mark Walker.





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Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 1:04 PM

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To: Megerle, Jodi

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Your message

To: Megerle, Jodi

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #5 March 25, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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**Jodi Megerle** <jmegerle@rtsd26.org>
To: Patricia Reyes preyes@rtsd26.org>

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 6:29 AM

All of these were going into my spam. It looks a bit sketchy? I'm not even sure if it's real or Ai. Did you get any of these?

Jodi

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# FOIA REQUEST #4\_March 24, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

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#### March 24, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #4 March 24, 2025\_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)\_ROE Grouping - 05

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, and FOIA #3, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

## REQUEST #4: FY2021, FY2011, FY2001

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2021, 2011, and 2001 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years **2021**, **2011**, **and 2001**.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Monday, March 31, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

#### **Email Address:**

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Sun, Mar 23, 2025 at 9:02 PM

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#### March 23, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #3 March 23, 2025 Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5) ROE Grouping - 05

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1 but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

## REQUEST #3: FY2020, FY2010, FY2000

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years **2020**, **2010**, **and 2000** by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years **2020**, **2010**, **and 2000**.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, March 28, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

#### **Email Address:**

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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# FOIA REQUEST #2 for Financial Records Data ... Fiscal Years 2019, 2009, and 1999 (5 ILCS 140/2.5) (ROE Grouping - 05)

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#### March 21, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #2 for Financial Records Data ... Fiscal Years 2019, 2009, and 1999 (5 ILCS 140/2.5) (ROE Grouping - 05)

Dear Superintendent,

**NOTICE:** Please refer to FOIA #1's Notice section (dated March 14, 2025) for detailed instructions on handling this request. Note that there is no attachment to this FOIA #2; instead, all instructions found in FOIA #1 should be referenced and adhered to for this request as well. This serves as a reminder that you are bound by the same requirements and expectations outlined in FOIA #1. In summary, please respond as a "Reply" to this email, removing any "Re: " prefix or other "Reply" abbreviation from the subject line. By maintaining a single thread, we can ensure that all communications are efficiently organized and retained, facilitating compliance and making it easier to track and archive our interaction.

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REQUEST #2

3/31/25, 8:02 AM

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Dear Superintendent,

See attached FOIA Request.

When initially responding to the attached FOIA request, please send the first response as a "Reply" email to ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me rather than starting a new thread via a new email. If both parties respond in the same manner (responding to the most recent inbound email from the other party) until the request is fulfilled, there will only be one email thread. Additionally, please remove any "Re: " prefix (or any other "Reply" abbreviation, if any) from the subject line prior to clicking "Send" to ensure that all "Reply" emails related to this request have the same exact "Subject" line text (see above) for sorting purposes. This approach aligns with the statutory duty under 5 ILCS 140/3.5(a)(4), which requires the retention of written communications and responses. By maintaining a single thread, we can ensure that all communications are efficiently organized and retained, facilitating compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in maintaining the suggested structured communication practice, which we both should be able to agree, is essential for efficient communications, record-keeping, and compliance.

Thus, all written communications surrounding the fulfillment of this FOIA can be archived (print-to-PDF) by both the FOIA officer and the requester as a single document, maintaining a clear and organized record of our interaction.

The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, March 21, 2025

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

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