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June 16, 2023

Katy Smyser
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Communicated via email to: Katy.Smyser@nbcuni.com

Dear Ms. Smyser:

This letter is in response to your electronic *Freedom of Information Action* (FOIA) request received in my office on June 16, 2023.

Request: 1) “*RECORDS REQUESTED: This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am making this request of several hundred public agencies and entities in Illinois – mostly in the Chicago area – and including River Forest School District 90 -- as part of a project I am working on, on the costs of challenges to the release of public records.*”

Please provide me with the following material:

- 1) *All settlement agreements resolving any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits;*
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- 4) *All claims made to an insurance company for coverage involving a FOIA action;*
- 5) *All studies, reports, or other records calculating or referencing the cost of FOIA lawsuits or PAC reviews on an annual or other time-period basis.*

I am requesting all such records from January 1, 2013 to the present.

Because I am a journalist, and because this request is in the public interest, I ask that you waive all fees. And if you choose to deny any part of this request, please tell me why.

I would be happy to help, in any way possible, as you look into this request – including coming to your offices to look at any responsive documents there. If I can do so, or if you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at katy.smyser@nbcuni.com.

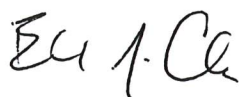
Thanks, in advance, for your help with this request!

Response: There are no records responsive to this request.


As Superintendent of the District, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EJ Condon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "C".

Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent

From: Smyser, Katherine (NBCUniversal) Katy.Smyser@nbcuni.com 
Subject: 6.16.23 FOIA request from NBC Chicago
Date: June 15, 2023 at 5:18 PM
To: CondonE@district90.org



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Dr. Edward J. Condon
Superintendent and FOIA Officer
River Forest School District 90
7776 Lake Street
River Forest, IL 60305-1735

Sent via email to CondonE@district90.org

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