

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Wang:

On October 1, 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: I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- Names of newly-inducted National Honor Society members from your high schools
- Names of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) finalists, if any. from your high schools
- Names of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) winners-- including Semifinalists, Commended Scholars, etc. from your high schools

Response: We are an elementary school district; therefore, we do not have responsive records to your request.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Ryan-Toye". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye, Freedom of Information Act Officer