

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

Adam Florzak

RE: RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

Mr Florzak:

Thank you for writing to Central Community Unit School District No. 301 (“the District”) with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., received on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Your request is restated below:

-please provide the student enrollment counts by county of residence for Central CUSD 301 schools where attendance zones cross county lines?

FOIA does not require the District to answer questions or create new records. *Kenyon v. Garrels*, 184 Ill. App. 3d 28, 32 (4th Dist. 1989); *see also Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App. (4th) 130427-33 (“A request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record and not general data, information, or statistics.”). In this case, the District does not track county information in its existing software, and the District’s technology department does not allow access to the embedded addons you are asking us to install to work with Google Sheets. Thus, no responsive records exist, and your request for us to create a new record must be denied.

You have a right to have this response of 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 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

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 letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of any FOIA denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

As the District’s FOIA Officer, I am responsible for the District’s response to your request. If I have misunderstood your request in any way, please clarify your request in writing to me.

Sincerely,

Graydon Engle
FOIA Officer
Director of Grants