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September 30, 2025

Steve Lefko
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VIA E-MAIL

RE: FOIA Request Received September 24, 2025

Dear Mr. Lefko,

This letter responds to your Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received on September 24, 2025. You requested:

District 90 documents, contracts, emails, correspondence, or communications otherwise, with any and all firms providing legal and or mediation advice to district 90 in connection with Spring 2025 and ongoing negotiations with River Forest Education Association

The District interprets your request to be seeking any records that were sent between the District and any firms providing advice to the District and were related to negotiations with the River Forest Education Association from Spring 2025 until present.

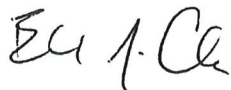
The District is denying your request because the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under Illinois FOIA for the following reasons:

- The responsive records are categorically exempt pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(p), as they relate to collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees' representatives, and the parties have not reached a final contract or agreement. See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(p).
- Responsive records sent in the course of seeking or providing legal advice are additionally exempt pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(m), as communications protected by the attorney-client privilege or that constitute attorney work product. See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(m).
- Finally, all responsive records that include predecisional, deliberative material reflecting opinions, recommendations, or potential courses of action regarding these negotiations are exempt pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(f). Section 7(1)(f) allows redaction or withholding of "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, or other documents in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The withheld material has not been publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body. See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

I am the individual responsible for the denial of your request. You may ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this decision concerning your records request, by submitting

a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this denial or partial denial of your request. A request for Review by the PAC should be directed to Public Access Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62701, public.access@ilag.gov, 1-877-299-FOIA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Condon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Edward J. Condon, PhD
Superintendent

From: Steve Lefko s_lefko@hotmail.com
Subject: This is a Freedom of Information Act Request of River Forest School District 90 on September 23, 2025.
Date: September 23, 2025 at 10:05 PM
To: Ed Condon condone@district90.org
Cc: Steve Lefko s_lefko@hotmail.com

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Happy Tuesday Ed,

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request of River Forest School District 90 on September 23, 2025.

I am specifically requesting District 90 documents, contracts, emails, correspondence, or communications otherwise, with any and all firms providing legal and or mediation advice to district 90 in connection with Spring 2025 and ongoing negotiations with River Forest Education Association.

You may provide this information digitally or in hard copy.

Much thanks
Steve Lefko