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Via email as requested

March 25, 2025

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

Re: Cook*HSD210*Lemont (07-016-2100-17): FOIA REQUEST #4

Dear Requester:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 24, 2025, and received in my office on March 24, 2025.

In your letter you requested the following:

1. 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.

For convenience and organization, we suggest adding the data for fiscal years 2021, 2011, and 2001 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 2021, 2011, and 2001 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

2. 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.
3. Please add our email address, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me, to your contact lists to prevent future communications from being flagged as spam.

Response to request:

1. Please see the attached Excel for 2021 and 2011. We do not have records for 2001, per The Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205).
2. Please see the attached certification letter.
3. This request does not fall under The Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1).

As Superintendent and one of the FOIA Officers for the District, I am responsible for granting and denying requests for records under the FOIA. The District's responses contained in this letter intend to be fully responsive to your specific request. If I have misinterpreted your request, please clarify your request in writing to me.

If you should have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Ticknor".

Dr. Mary Ticknor
Superintendent
Lemont High School District 210



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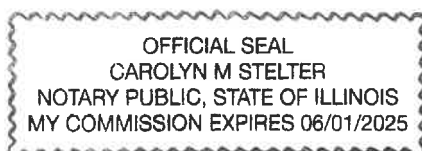
Re: Cook*HSD210*Lemont (07-016-2100-17): FOIA REQUEST #4

I, Ken Parchem, Treasurer of [Lemont Township High School District 210, Cook, 07-016-2100-17], do hereby certify that the attached records, which consist of expenditure data for vendors, contractors, and individuals (i.e., excluding the salaries and benefits of staff and employees), at or greater than \$500 for the fiscal years 2021 and 2011 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. These records are provided in response to a Freedom of Information Act request received by the public body on March 24, 2025, as evidenced by the email server timestamp. We do not have records for 2001, per the The Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205). I further certify that these records include all information responsive to the request for 2021 and 2011 and that no other records exist that are not included in this response.

Ken Parchem

Chief School Business Official

Lemont High School District 210



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March 25, 2025

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FOIA REQUEST #4_March 24, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 07

1 message

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Reply above this line.

NOTICE: Please refer to FOIA #1's Notice section (dated March 14, 2025) for detailed instructions on handling this request. 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.

March 24, 2025

Subject: **FOIA REQUEST #4_March 24, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 07**

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 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.

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, all records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying, unless the public body can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the records are exempt from disclosure (5 ILCS 140/1.2). We expect a timely response and adherence to the statutory requirements.

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:

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

NOTICE:

This email constitutes a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request when the subject line follows a format similar to: "FOIA Request #X_Date_RequestedRecord(s)_Tags". For such emails:

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 - a) The designated FOIA Officer(s) of your public body
"Each public body shall designate one or more officials or employees to act as its Freedom of Information officer or officers." (5 ILCS 140/3.5)
 - b) The Head of the public body as defined in **5 ILCS 140/2(e)**
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 - b) Establishes the timestamp for calculating all subsequent statutory deadlines under FOIA
 - c) Initiates an outbound email from your public body to our address, improving future deliverability

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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.

This notice serves as written documentation of your awareness regarding proper handling of communications from this email address.

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