



Diamond Lake School District 76

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Via Electronic Mail

Michael Henry
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RE: RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you for writing to Diamond Lake School District No. 76 (the “District”) with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, received on April 14, 2026.

Your request is restated below:

1. The name of all law firm(s) currently providing legal services to the district, and the name of any law firm(s) that have provided legal services to the district at any time within the past eight (8) years.
2. Any current engagement agreement(s), contract(s), retention agreement(s), or fee schedule(s) with legal counsel in effect at any time during the past three (3) fiscal years.
3. The total amount paid to each law firm for legal services for each of the past three (3) fiscal years. This may be satisfied by invoices, payment registers, accounts payable records, or other existing financial records reflecting such payments.

As to Requests #1 and #3, your request is granted. Pursuant to FOIA Section 8.5, the responsive information is publicly available within the District’s respective Annual Statements of Affairs (see vendor payment tabs), which are posted on the ISBE’s website: <https://cerberus.isbe.net/file/d/ASA/> but is also included attached to this response. To access this portion of ISBE’s website, enter “finread” as the username; no password is needed. Finally, please note that the District did not interpret your requests as seeking information related to law firms appointed by the District’s insurance carrier(s).

As to Request #2, no responsive records exist.

You have a right to review 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:



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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. This response letter is intended to be fully responsive to your specific request. If I have misunderstood your request in any way, please clarify your request in writing to me.

Sincerely,

Erin Knoll

FOIA Officer