

URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116  
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April 24, 2023

CheckCU  
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**Via Electronic Mail**

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request received April 17, 2023

Dear CheckCU:

On April 17, 2023, you emailed a request for information to the District for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You requested "[a]ny reports, memos, or test data regarding asbestos and/or air quality in Wiley Elementary school...from 2017 until now." A response to your request is due on or before April 24, 2023. Documents responsive to your request have been located.

The original signatures on documents have been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) ("[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy"). The PAC has repeatedly recognized that a person's original signature is personal information in which the personal privacy interest outweighs the public interest. This is further demonstrated by the Attorney General redacting original signatures in its own responses to FOIA requests. Direct telephone lines of school district employees have also been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(c). See 2010-8685, where the PAC approved redaction of district issued cell phone numbers, and recognized that providing those phone numbers could subject staff to excessive calls from the public at all times of the day, and impair the ability of employees to be contacted for work related purposes. The same reasoning applies to providing the direct line phone number, and consequently has been redacted.

Personal addresses and personal phone numbers have been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) ("[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order"). Personal addresses and phone numbers are defined as private information in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

As the FOIA Officer, I am responsible for the partial 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:

*Outstanding School in an Outstanding Community*

Public Access Bureau  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 S. 2nd Street  
Springfield IL 62706  
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

The PAC's telephone number is (877) 299-FOIA.

You also have the right to administrative review by a court of law pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Johnson".

Lori Johnson  
FOIA Officer  
Urbana School District 116