



Decatur Public School District #61  
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October 31, 2023

Reed Sutman  
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Dear Reed Sutman,  
I am in receipt of your Freedom of Information Request (FOIA), which was emailed by you and received by me on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Decatur Public School's response is due Wednesday, November 01, 2023. The FOIA request asked for the following:

**Subject:** FOIA Request - Summer Program Payments - I previously requested "A record of all payments to Community Organizations". I am submitting a new request to further clarify the records I am seeking. The previous response included the document "2023 Community Summer Program.pdf" which detailed the list of organizations & the cost with each organization. Thank you for that list. I am now requesting:

1. Detailed payment records regarding the Summer Programs. These payment records should include every disbursement with the following information: Date of payment, DPS bank account or fund the payment came from, amount of payment, party receiving payment, method of payment. This may be records from a checkbook, from a bank account, or any other system that provides sufficient details about when payments were made & how much each disbursement was & who each disbursement went to.

- a. **Response: The Summer Program payments were disbursed in the August 2023 and September 2023 monthly bills; these bills were approved by the Board of Education during the September 12, 2023 and October 10, 2023 Board of Education meetings. Each Board meeting can be found via our website as follows:**

**[www.dps61.org](http://www.dps61.org) ~ Our District ~ Board of Education ~ Board Meeting Dates & Docs ~ Scroll down to BOARD MEETING DOCUMENTS ~ Underneath that heading, you will find the BOARD MEETING DOCUMENTS for 2023-2024. Click on the September 12, 2023 Board of Education Open Session Packet and the August 2023 bills begin on page 43.**

**Click on the October 10, 2023 Board of Education Open Session Packet and the September 2023 bills begin on page 52.**

**Or you can enter the following link: <https://www.dps61.org/Page/69> and you will find both Open Session Packets.**

This response is intended to comply with your request. Should you feel that the District has misinterpreted your request, or should you wish to clarify your request, please contact the District, in writing, so that it may respond accordingly. Additionally, you are hereby notified, pursuant to Section 9 of the Act (5 ILCS 140/9), of your right to review by the Public Access Counselor:

Ms. Leah Bartelt Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General 500 S. 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62701	Phone: 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642) Fax: (217) 782-1396 Email: <a href="mailto:public.access@ilag.gov">public.access@ilag.gov</a>
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You are further notified that you have the right to judicial review as provided in Section 11 of the Act (5 ILCS 140/11).

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent  
Attorney  
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