



Decatur Public School District #61
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August 16, 2023

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Dear Sutman,

I am in receipt of your Freedom of Information Request (FOIA), which was emailed by you and received by me on Wednesday, August 02, 2023. Decatur Public School's response was due Wednesday, August 09, 2023. On Wednesday, August 09, 2023, the District extended the time for a response by five business days to Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The FOIA request asked for the following:

Subject: FOIA Request – Buildings - Under Illinois FOIA 5 ILCS 140/1, I request the following. Additionally, per Section 2(h), "Voluminous Request" does not apply because this is a request made by a news organization for "(1) to access and disseminate information concerning news and current or passing events; (2) for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public;"

1. digital maintenance requests submitted by staff, administration, or others at/for original Dennis/Mosaic from January 1, 2017 through the August 1, 2023. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlsx). Please exclude photos, except for any requests related to the staircase which is now separating from the building.
 - a. **Response: See the attached documents titled, "DPS Response #1a, DPS Response #1b, DPS Response #1c and DPS Response #1d.**
2. digital maintenance requests submitted by staff, administration, or others at/for original French Academy/Kaleidoscope from January 1, 2017 through August 1, 2023. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlsx). Please exclude photos, except for any requests related to the parapet / wall that is now structurally unsound.
 - a. **Response: See the attached documents titled, "DPS Response #2a, DPS Response #2b, DPS Response #2c and DPS Response #2d.**
3. Denise Swarthout detailed to me "The list is referencing projects the B&G department was scheduled to complete this school year, including window and door replacements, playground installation, etc." Please send that list, which is for School year 2022-2023.
 - a. **Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #3. There was also a facilities update presented during the November 01, 2022 Board of Education meeting and the packet can be found on our website as follows: Response: www.dps61.org ~ Our District ~ Board**

Meeting Dates & Docs ~ School Board Meeting Documents ~ Board Meeting Documents 2022-23 ~ scroll down to November 01 2022 Board of Education Open Session Packet.

4. I heard that Garfield was on the list to receive a playground for the 22-23 school year. I'd like a copy of that list, if it is not the same list as the above item #3.
 - a. **Response: See the above list.**
5. Documentation related to the last re-roofing project at Kaleidoscope (Former French Academy). This should include any contract for work, purchase order, and any report/analyses from the construction/engineering firm.
 - a. **Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #5. There are no other documents responsive to this request.**
6. The Requisition and the Purchase order for the May 30th BFW inspection of Dennis Schools.
 - a. **Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #6.**
7. The Requisition and the Purchase order for the June 1 (or thereabout) Klingner inspection of Dennis Schools.
 - a. **There is no document responsive to this request.**
8. Record of Site-Based Expenditures for Garfield Learning Academy from May 30th, 2023 - August 1, 2023.
 - a. **Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #8.**

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:

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| 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: public.access@ilag.gov |
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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
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