

Subject: RE: FOIA Request

From: Melissa Bradford <MBradford@dps61.org>

Date: 6/8/23, 16:48

To: Reed Sutman <reed@decaturvote.com>

Good evening,

Please see Decatur Public School's attached response to your below FOIA request.

Could you please send me an email receipt? The purpose of the receipt is to verify that you received the email and the attachments from DPS 61.

Thanks,

Melissa Bradford
Freedom of Information Officer
Decatur Public School District 61

-----Original Message-----

From: Reed Sutman <reed@decaturvote.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 12:55 PM

To: Melissa Bradford <MBradford@dps61.org>

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Correction: This is not a commercial request. I just spoke with the At Gen's public access counselor's office and was told that media companies making requests for public release & news pieces are not considered "commercial requests". I had misunderstood. Thanks.

A recent Herald & Review article about Dennis School states:

"District spokeswoman Denise Swarthout said the district had contacted a structural engineer in the spring to look at the buildings, both because the district already knew there were issues and because administrators and staff had voiced concerns, but Tuesday was the first opening in that engineer's schedule to examine the buildings."

I'd like a copy of all communications and documents regarding the issues with the buildings. These should include:

1. Any documented finding that the district "already knew there were issues" - Mike & Kent
2. Any communications from administrators and staff voicing their concerns - Denise & Maria
3. Any communications with engineers / engineering firms to schedule an examination, including the engineer who did the assessment and any others that were sought - Mike & Kent
4. Any documentation showing that the engineer's first opening was Tuesday - Mike & Kent
5. Any prior assessments of the buildings' structural stability - Mike & Kent
6. The full content of any communications (including FOIA requests) with Herald & Review, WAND, or other media organization or the public about this. - Denise & Maria/Melissa

This is for commercial purposes and public release.

Reed Sutman
DecaturVote.com

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