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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 Tuesday, October 03, 2023. Decatur Public School's response was due Tuesday, October 10, 2023. On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, the District extended the time for a response by five business days to Tuesday, October 17, 2023. The FOIA request asked for the following:

Subject: FOIA Request - School Policy 4:150, in the section "Standards for Facility Construction and Building Programs", Item #5 states "Develop and implement a communication plan that ..." I request the following:

1. The above referenced communication plan regarding the construction of a new Dennis School Building, with regard to past discussions that involved Lincoln Park.
 - a. **Response: There is no document responsive to this request.**
2. The above referenced communication plan regarding the construction of a new Dennis School Building, with regard to the recent closures and the more recent discussions.
 - a. **Response: There is no document responsive to this request.**
3. The above referenced communication plan regarding the Dennis Modular units at Garfield Learning Academy
 - a. **Response: There is no document responsive to this request.**
4. The above referenced communication plan regarding the new American Dreamer Stem Academy
 - a. **Response: There is no document responsive to this request.**

Additionally, the same policy states "the Board will authorize a comprehensive study to determine the need for facility construction and expansion"

Regarding the above:

5. Any documents/records authorizing a comprehensive study related to the construction of a new Dennis Lab Building, with regard to past efforts that involved discussion of Lincoln Park.
 - a. **Response: There is no document responsive to this request.**

6. Any documents/records authorizing a comprehensive study related to the construction of a new Dennis Lab Building, with regard to current closures/issues.
a. Response: There is no document responsive to this request.
7. Any documents/records authorizing a comprehensive study related to the expansion of Garfield Learning Academy for the Dennis students (related to the modulars)
a. Response: There is no document responsive to this request.

Please note: Information can be found via our website by entering the below links:

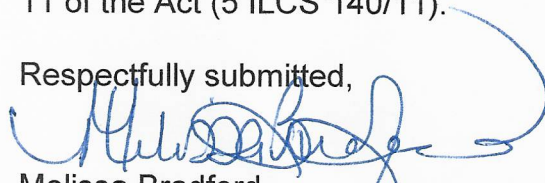
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- <https://www.dps61.org/Page/1175>
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This response is intended to comply with your request. Should you feel that the District has misinterpreted your request, or should you wish to clarify your request, 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: 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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