

## Decatur Public School District #61 101 West Cerro Gordo Street Decatur IL 62523 – 217.362.3011

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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 – Personnel - 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. Employment history of Dr. Clark within the District each position she held & the dates she served in each position. I've been told she was employed by the District during Gloria Davis's Tenure & expect records at least that far back. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs)
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #1."
- 2. Same as #1, but for Kent Metzger
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #2."
- 3. Kent Metzger's calendar for Februay 1, 2023 August 1, 2023. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs).
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #3."
- 4. Dr. Clark's calendar for February 1, 2023 August 1, 2023. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs)
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #4-Redacted." Records have also been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA because they contained private information, 7(1)(c) of FOIA because they contained personal information.
- 5. Dr. Clark's browsing and search history for February 7, 2023; February 8, 2023; May 30, 2023; and May 31, 2023. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs)
  - a. Response: There is no document responsive to your request.

- 6. A list of all staff at the Keil Building containing: Position/Title, Name, Email Address, Salary, Date hired or transferred to their current position, and whether full or part time. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs)
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #6."
- 7. Any documentation and/or emails and/or text messages and/or other digital communications related to an exit interview for Kelly Gross Morrison, former Garfield Principal.
  - a. Response: See the attached document titled, "DPS Response to #7." There is no other document responsive to this request.
- 8. Dr. Clark's personal notes from the August 23, 2022 Board of Education Meeting
  - a. Response: There is no document responsive to this request.
- 9. A list of Masons and Foremen employed by the District from January 1, 2023 August 1, 2023. I'd like names, title, and email address. Please send as a spreadsheet (.csv or .xlxs).
  - a. Response: See the attached documents titled, "DPS Response #9a and DPS Response 9b." There is no other document responsive to this request.

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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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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