

December 17, 2024

**VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Gradyon Engle  
FOIA Officer / CUSD 301  
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RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Engle,

I am submitting the following request for noncommercial purposes and in the public's interest. I am making this request as an individual taxpayer and resident of CUSD 301. My position as an elected CUSD 301 Board of Education member does not limit or restrict my rights under local, state, and/or federal law. This includes the right to seek public records under Illinois' Freedom of Information Act.

As you know, "[p]ursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of government, it is declared to be the public policy of the State of Illinois that **all persons** are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees consistent with the terms of this Act."<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, "[a]ll records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying."<sup>2</sup> (emphasis added).

Please provide a copy of the following records:

1. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, through June 5, 2024, by and between Jeff Gorman and Esther Mongan,
2. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, through June 5, 2024, by and between Jeff Gorman and Fred Vogt,
3. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, through June 5, 2024, by and between Esther Mongan and Fred Vogt,
4. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, through June 5, 2024, by and between Jeff Gorman, Esther Mongan, and Fred Vogt,
5. All FOIA requests received and responded to by CUSD 301 between April 1, 2024, and May 24, 2024, which resulted in the retrieval and review of emails sent and received by Fred Vogt through his Board of Education email account;
6. All email records of Fred Vogt (official Board of Education email account) (any date range) reviewed by Esther Mongan between April 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024, as part of a FOIA response;

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<sup>1</sup> Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 (Public Policy)

<sup>2</sup> Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1.2 (Presumption)

7. All notes, correspondence, memos, and voice and/or video recordings from a meeting between Fred Vogt, Esther Mongan, and Jeff Gorman between May 17, 2024, and May 31, 2024,
8. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, through June 5, 2024, by and between Graydon Engle and any CUSD 301 staff requesting access to emails from Fred Vogt's Board of Education account, and
9. All communications, regardless of format (email, text message, etc.) from April 1, 2024, and June 5, 2024, by and between Esther Mongan and any CUSD 301 staff requesting access to emails from Fred Vogt's Board of Education account.

In a Frequently Asked Questions document used to educate the public about FOIA, the Illinois Attorney General answered the question, "Who can submit a FOIA request?" The Attorney General's answer? "Anyone."<sup>3</sup> This includes members of the CUSD 301 Board of Education.

I welcome receipt of the responsive records in electronic (PDF) format. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. My personal contact information is noted below.

Sincerely,

Junaid Afeef



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<sup>3</sup> Illinois Freedom of Information Act: Frequently Asked Questions by the Public (accessed 12/17/24): [https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/FOIAPAC/FAQ\\_FOIA\\_Public.pdf](https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/FOIAPAC/FAQ_FOIA_Public.pdf)