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Fwd: FOIA Request - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vendors

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Steve Ptacek <sptacek@jsd117.org>
To: Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 12:24 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vince Espi <foia@prairiestatewire.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 1:49:51 PM CDT
To: sptacek@jsd117.org
Subject: FOIA Request - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vendors

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Prairie State Wire, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

1. Any contracts or agreements entered into between your school district and vendors providing Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) services from January 1st, 2019, to the present day.
2. Invoices, payment records, or financial documentation related to payments made to DEI vendors during the specified period.
3. Any reports, assessments, or evaluations conducted by DEI vendors, including their findings and recommendations.
4. Communications, including emails, letters, and memos, exchanged between your school district and DEI vendors, discussing the provision of services or any related matters.

As a member of the media, I qualify for media exemptions under FOIA, which entitles me to access certain records for news reporting purposes.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Vince Espi

Prairie State Wire



Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

FOIA Request from 6-9-2023

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Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>
To: foia@prairiestatewire.com
Bcc: Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 4:00 PM


Mr. Espi,

Please see the attached response to your FOIA request received on June 9, 2023.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Moore".

Assistant Superintendent
Jacksonville School District 117

 **DEI Response Letter 06-16-23.pdf**
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Jacksonville School District #117

211 W State Street
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650
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Matthew Moore, Assistant Superintendent

June 16, 2023

Dear Mr. Espi,

Thank you for writing to Jacksonville School District 117 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On June 9, 2023, JSD 117 was in receipt of your FOIA request for the following information:

1. Any contracts or agreements entered into between your school district and vendors providing Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) services from January 1st, 2019 to the present day.
2. Invoices, payment records, or financial documentation related to payments made to DEI vendors during the specified period.
3. Any reports, assessments, or evaluations conducted by DEI vendors, including their findings and recommendations.
4. Communications, including emails, letters, and memos, exchanged between your school district and DEI vendors, discussing the provision of services or any r

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117, I am writing to inform you that your request is granted. JSD 117 conducted a reasonable search, however there are no contracts with vendors for the expressed purpose of DEI services. Therefore, there are no documents to be provided as a result of the FOIA request.

You have a right to have the result of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Leah Bartlett, Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
877-299-3642
Email: public.access@ilag.gov.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Moore', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matthew Moore
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