

### FOIA Request

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Requestor	<input type="text" value="Bruce Rushton"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text" value="Illinois Times"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
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Topic Summary	<input type="text" value="Request for records related to proposals for financial services offered to employees."/>
Topic	<p>Custodian of Records Springfield School District 186</p> <p>Dear Sir/Ma'am:</p> <p>Pursuant to all applicable law, I hereby request copies of the following records:</p> <p>All contracts and correspondence, written and electronic, between the district and the entities, and or agents thereof, listed on this linked document:</p> <p><a href="https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/699336/403(b)%20Approved%20Vendors.pdf">https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/699336/403(b)%20Approved%20Vendors.pdf</a></p> <p>I also request the same for the Omni Group, the organization that appears on this link:</p> <p><a href="https://www.sps186.org/business/payroll/?p=90768">https://www.sps186.org/business/payroll/?p=90768</a></p> <p>I furthermore request any requests for qualifications/requests for proposals issued with the goal of finding/identifying any entity that would provide financial services and/or investment advice to district employees. I request copies of any contracts with any companies or individuals that provide financial services/investment advice/retirement vehicles to district employees. I also request copies of all payments made to the district, or received by the district, from any entity or entities that provide financial services/retirement vehicles/investment advice to district employees.</p> <p>This request covers the time period from Jan. 1, 2010 to the present day. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (217) 753-2226, ext. 122. Thanks for your prompt attention.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bruce Rushton Staff Writer Illinois Times Springfield, IL</p>

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### Response **Extension Notification of 1.6.2020**

Mr. Rushton,

With respect to your Freedom of Information Act request of December 27, 2019, you are advised that this request will occasion the need for an additional five (5) days response time as allowed under 5 ILCS 140/3 (e)(1) and 140/3 (e)(v), which sections allow for extension if “the requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records” and “the requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of this Act or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions.”

You may expect a response on or before Monday, January 13, 2020.

You may request a review of this extension by contacting the office of the Public Access Counselor, Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706, [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); 217/782-1090.

Thank you for your time and attention.

### **Response of 1.13.2020**

Mr. Rushton,

In response to your December 27, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request for documents from the time period from Jan. 1, 2010 to the present day, please see attached responsive records. The only other documents found during the District’s search were emails between District employees and service providers regarding individual employee’s contributions or questions about their 403(b) accounts. When a FOIA request is properly submitted to a public body, and documents are located, the inquiry is whether the requested documents qualify as “public records” subject to FOIA. *City of Danville v. Madigan*, 2018 IL App (4th) 170182, ¶ 19. Public records must “(1) pertain ‘to the *transaction of public business*’ and (2) have been ‘prepared by or for, or having been or being used by, received by, in the *possession* of, or under the control of any public body.’” *Id.* (emphasis in original). As you are aware, FOIA does not define the term “public business.” However, the Appellate Court for the Fourth District has found that “to qualify as a public record, ‘a communication must first pertain to business or community interests as opposed to private affairs.’” *Id.* at ¶ 20.

When a FOIA request is submitted to the District and the requested record is possessed by the District, it will be disclosed if it qualifies as a “public record” that pertains to public business. “There is not an unrestricted right to examine all documents possessed by a public body. If a record possessed by a public body pertains to private information or falls under one of the other enumerated exemptions within section 7(1) of the Act, then its disclosure is not required by the Act.” *Id.* at ¶ 24. An employee’s communications with a third party regarding their individual retirement accounts do not pertain to the public business of the District. The District facilitates employee contributions by approving certain vendors, it does not pay the vendors. Rather, employees who utilize the vendors pay them and no public funds are expended. Again, the employees’ communications with these vendors are concerned with solely private affairs and do not constitute public records. In the event these communications were found to be public records, the District would deny your request as the responsive records would be exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) as “private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order”; and, Section 7(1)(c) as “personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information. ‘Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy’ means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and (c).

You may request a review of this denial by contacting the office of the Public Access Counselor, Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706, [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); 217/782-1090. You also have the right to judicial review pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Requestor	<input type="text" value="Bethany Simpson"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text" value="SmartProcure"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
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City, State, Zip	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Topic Summary	<input type="text" value="Request for Purchasing Records"/>
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Topic	<p><b>Request of 1.3.2020</b> SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the Springfield Public School District No. 186 for any and all purchasing records from 2019-01-27 (yyyy-mm-dd) to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number</li><li>2. Purchase date</li><li>3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase)</li><li>4. Line item quantity</li><li>5. Line item price</li><li>6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address</li></ol> <p>If you would like to let me know what type of financial software you use, I may have report samples that help to determine how, or if, you are able to respond. Please email the information or use the following web link. There is no file size limitation: <a href="http://upload.smartprocure.com/?st=IL&amp;org=SpringfieldPublicSchoolDistrictNo186">http://upload.smartprocure.com/?st=IL&amp;org=SpringfieldPublicSchoolDistrictNo186</a></p> <p>If this request was misrouted, please forward to the correct contact person and reply to this communication with the appropriate contact information.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please feel free to respond to this email or I can be reached at the phone number below in my signature.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p><b>Bethany Simpson</b> Data Acquisition Specialist <b>SmartProcure</b> Email: <a href="mailto:bsimpson@smartprocure.com">bsimpson@smartprocure.com</a> NEW Direct Line: 561-609-6932</p>
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Response **Response of 2.6.2020**

Ms. Simpson,

Please find attached, below, records responsive to your commercial Freedom of Information Act request of January 3, 2020.

You may request a review of this response by contacting the Office of the Public Access Counselor, Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706; [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); 217/782-1090.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or need further assistance.

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Requestor	<input type="text" value="Aaron Graves"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text" value="Springfield Education Association"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
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<b>Topic Summary</b>	<input type="text" value="Request for records related to professional development"/>
<b>Topic</b>	<p><b><u>Request of 1.9.2020</u></b> Superintendent Gill,</p> <p>Springfield Education Association is formally placing a FOIA inquiry into the SAMS process <a href="http://www.samsconnect.com/?p=2371">http://www.samsconnect.com/?p=2371</a> , the amount of contractual and non contractual time our members are spending annually involved in said work with their principal, and the total cost involved in SAMS activities. It is the Union's position that accountability and efficiency of an administrator's time is a citizen's, BOE, Superintendent and cabinet level management responsibility, not the employee's. Please assist us by identifying these hours and dollars per school, per SEA member and District administrator.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sai-iowa.org/school-administration-manager-project-sams.cfm">http://www.sai-iowa.org/school-administration-manager-project-sams.cfm</a></p>

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**Response** **Response of 1.16.2020**

Records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request of January 8, 2020, can be found attached.

Identifying information regarding a student was redacted from this response as the identifying information constitutes a student record. Student records are exempt under Section 7(1)(a) of FOIA, which section allows for exemption of "information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law", as well as the Illinois School Code, Student Records Act and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

You may request a review of this partial denial by contacting the office of the Public Access Counselor, Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706, [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); 217/782-1090. You also have the right to judicial review pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

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<b>Topic Summary</b>	<input type="text" value="Request for records related to athletic policies"/>
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<b>Topic</b>	<p><b><u>Request of 1.30.20</u></b> City tournament rules/guidelines and or directive given to the Springfield Police Department regarding when to lock the doors from allowing people into City Tournament after a certain time.</p> <p>I am also inquiring if there is a policy restricting access to City Tournament after a certain time, does this policy apply to members of the media, elected officials, teachers and or other school administrators?</p> <p>I've also c.c. Public Relations because the second question might need to be answered by them.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Thank you, Derrick Jackson <a href="http://www.springfield-leaks.com">www.springfield-leaks.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/springfieldleaks">Facebook.com/springfieldleaks</a></p>
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Response **Response of 2.6.2020**

Mr. Jackson,

With respect to your Freedom of Information Act request of January 31, 2020, please be advised that the District has no records responsive to this request, as there is no written policies or directives, per se, dictating a time at which the doors will be closed for athletic events. However, you may note that it has been past practice for a number of years to close the gate or doors at City Tournament after half time of the second game of the evening. A copy of the Extra/Co-curricular Activities & Athletic Policy Handbook is made conveniently available for your review on [this page](#) of the District website.

You may request a review of this response by contacting the Office of the Public Access Counselor, Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706; [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); 217/782-1090.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

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Requestor	<input type="text" value="Dan O'Brien"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text" value="North American Central School Bus"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
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<b>Topic Summary</b>	<input type="text" value="Request for records related to transportation bidding"/>
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<b>Topic</b>	<p><b><u>Request of 2.4.20</u></b> We were unfortunately unable to participate in the process this year. But we are interested in the submitted proposals for transportation. Please see below for a Freedom of Information Act request. I wasn't able to see on the District website who formally processes these requests so I am sending to your attention.</p> <p>FOIA request for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Copies of all proposals (entire submittal) for all companies that submitted a response to this ITB for Student Transportation Services</li><li>2 Analysis and recommendation prepared by District in response to this ITB for Student Transportation Services</li></ul> <p>Please respond via email if possible. Please advise in advance if there is any charge for this request.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.</p>
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Requestor	<input type="text" value="Iris Martinez"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
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Topic Summary	<input type="text" value="Request for personnel information"/>
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Topic	<p><b>Request of 2.10.2020</b> Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request</p> <p>February 10, 2020</p> <p>Springfield SD 186 Jennifer Gilliland Superintendent</p> <p>Hi Superintendent Jennifer or Freedom of Information Act Officer,</p> <p>This request is made under the <b>Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140</b>, I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records that are outlined below and please organize this information in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Name</li><li>• Middle Name</li><li>• Last Name</li><li>• Position</li><li>• Grade Level (for teachers)</li><li>• Subject Area taught (for teachers)</li><li>• Certified in Area of Instruction (for teachers)</li><li>• School Email</li><li>• Personal Email</li><li>• Phone</li><li>• Race/Ethnicity</li><li>• Hire Date</li><li>• Years of Experience</li><li>• Current Salary</li></ul> <p>I am requesting that the information be delivered if possible in an excel spreadsheet or original PDF report containing the information above for every teacher and staff member (employee) currently employed in Springfield SD 186.</p> <p><b>I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3).</b> If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.</p> <p>In particular, it may be easier to send multiple excel spreadsheets containing different data categories.</p> <p>If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my request.</p> <p>Sincerely, Iris Martinez PO Box #7162 Austin TX, 78713</p>
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Per District Legal Counsel advice, Personal email, phone, and race/ethnicity are exempt from disclosure. Direct requester to the district webpage for school work phone numbers.

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Company	<input type="text" value="WAND-TV"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
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Topic Summary	<input type="text" value="Request for discipline records, Board policies, and law enforcement visit logs"/>
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Topic	<p>Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Under the <b>Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140</b>, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records related to student behavior, specifically the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- School policies related to the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Bullying policy</li><li>o Fight/Violence policy</li></ul></li><li>- All records of incidents involving "acts of violence" and "bullying" in the district broken down by type, and school, if available. This should include what punishment, if any, a student faced for the incidents and the number of students involved.</li><li>- Written and oral complaints of violence by students towards other students or staff made to the district by parents, students, and any all staff.</li><li>- Log of all police calls to all schools, broken down by school, if available.</li><li>- All names may be redacted from all documents.</li></ul> <p>I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. We are requesting a waiver under the law which allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris Carter Investigative Reporter WAND-TV <a href="mailto:Chris.Carter@wandtv.com">Chris.Carter@wandtv.com</a> 217-521-3705 ©</p>
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