



May 6, 2021

Allison Schatz

VIA EMAIL – allisonaschatz@gmail.com

Re: FOIA request dated & received 4/29/21

Subject: Requesting the amount of money the district has spent on mental health-related and/or behavioral health-related placements outside of the district. The specific time frame is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 for placements of High School students only and including but not limited to Therapeutic Day Schools, Therapeutic Boarding Schools, Therapeutic Residential Treatment Centers/Programs and Therapeutic Wilderness Programs.

Dear Mrs. Schatz,

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your April 29, 2021 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information.

Total costs the district has spent on mental health-related and/or behavioral health-related placements outside the district is :

2016	\$1,263,545.73
2017	\$1,891,329.74
2018	\$2,364,471.98
2019	\$1,659,616.87
2020	\$1,792,197.83

In addition, you are requesting as follows:

- All documentation concerning Special Education Due Process Hearings

We are not in possession of, nor are we aware of, any records responsive to this request.

- Any and all associated legal costs by the district for payment of attorneys representing the district against parents/families advocating for placement by the district.
- Any and all associated legal costs by the district for payment/reimbursement of attorneys for parents/families advocating for placement by the district.

There were no associated legal costs for both items above.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this document will be posted online on the district's website. To access it, go to www.sd308.org and select *Our District >Freedom of Information Request >FOIA Requests Responses -2021>then select FOIA ID #21-26*.

Please be advised that to comply with your FOIA request, the district incurred an expense that comprised of the cost of labor and resources used to search for records responsive to your request.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

Carrie Szambelan

Carrie Szambelan
Freedom of Information Officer