

December 16, 2021

Mr. Thomas Nanninga

VIA EMAIL

Re: FOIA request dated December 6, 2021.

Subject: A. Any documented lists of teachers, administrators, district employees, school board members who have participated in any seminars, programs, webinars, zoom (or other electronic means of meeting) or in person meetings with or put on by The Midwest & Plains Equity Assistance Center. B. Are any of these programs (type described above) put on by The Midwest & Plains Equity Assistance Center mandatory participation by persons described above within SD308.

Dear Mr. Nanninga:

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's additional response to your FOIA request received on December 6, 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) which you asked for the above referenced information. The district had a connection with MAP (Midwest and Plains) Equity Assistance Center previously. Currently, they offer two to three webinars within their LNC (Learning Network Cohort). This LNC information is shared with DEI committee members, instructional coaches, and principals in the district who then share it with staff who have asked to join. It is all optional and the LNC takes feedback from the cohort to determine the topics discussed.

You have a right to have the denial 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:

Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, IL 62706

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 letter. 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. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this responsive 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 Act Request > FOIA Request Responses > FOIA Requests Responses -2021> then select FOIA ID #21-82.

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. Let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

John Petzke, CFO
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Freedom of Information Officer