

October 5, 2022

Dave Ruggles

VIA EMAIL -

FOIA 22-59 received 9/30/2022

Subject: Any communication between sd308 district staff, board members, volunteers, outside consultants, professional advisors (including attorneys) and community members regarding changing the district's policy of including the response to any FOIA requests on the district website next to the information requested. To clarify, as recently as 2021 the district had this message at the top of the FOIA requests page, "To promote district transparency and assist others who may have similar requests for information, District 308 responses to FOIA responses can be viewed below: That message is not present on the 2022 FOIA requests page and there are no longer links to the responses. This request seeks all communication in regards to this policy change.

Dear Mr. Ruggles:

This letter serves as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your FOIA 22-55 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) in which you asked for the above referenced information.

The district made a change in practice with posting FOIA requests, and not the content in full. There are no records regarding a policy change as no policy was changed. There are no further records responsive to your request.

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, go to www.sd308.org and select Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses -2022.

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.

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