



December 13, 2022

**VIA EMAIL – joannejohnson73@gmail.com**

Re: FOIA Request 22-69 received 12/5/2022

Subject: I request the following information as it relates to removing To Kill a Mockingbird from the SD308 curriculum and libraries. Any communications related to the book To Kill a Mockingbird. This includes, but is not limited to e-mails, memos, content reviews or assessments, proposals, presentations, meeting minutes/agendas.

Any documentation of who & when approvals we granted on the proposal to ban To Kill a Mockingbird from the SD308 school district; and Any communications sent to teachers & staff related to the book To Kill a Mockingbird.

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your 12/5/2022 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information.

There was no proposal and subsequent approval to ban To Kill a Mockingbird from the SD308 school district. However, To Kill a Mockingbird is no longer on the required English I material list. Currently, there are approximately 700 copies in each high school of To Kill a Mockingbird, as well as copies in the junior high schools. Schools are in the process of sending their inventory to the district office. Limited copies of book will be available in the libraries at the junior high and high school levels.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, go to [www.sd308.org](http://www.sd308.org) and select *Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses>FOIA Requests Responses -2022 – click on the link for 22-69 for information on previous requests.*

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

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