



February 13, 2023

Matt Drange
Business Insider

VIA EMAIL – mdrange@insider.com

Re: FOIA 23-04

Subject: All email correspondence that includes mention of this requester, sent to or from district employees between August 1, 2022 and the day this request is processed. Search terms should include but not be limited to "Drange" "Business Insider" "mdrange@insider.com" and "https://www.businessinsider.com/eric-burgess-rosemead-high-sexual-misconduct-district-failures-2022-5". **1/27/23** Revised criteria "Drange" "mdrange@insider.com".

Dear Mr. Drange:

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your 1/25/2023 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. Attached please find our response to your request using the revised criteria from you on 1/27/2023.

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>FOIA Requests Responses -2023 – click on the link for 23-04 for information on previous requests.*

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

Andrea Wiaduch

Andrea Wiaduch
Finance Coordinator/
Freedom of Information Officer

SUBJECT: Business Insider August 26 2022 FOIA request
FROM: "'Matt Drange' via FOIArequests" <foiarequests@sd308.org>
TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org
DATE: 08/26/2022 11:29
ATTACHMENTS (20220826-112928-0000022): "Drange August 26 2022 FOIA request.docx"

Good morning,

Can you confirm receipt of the attached FOIA request? I've copied it below for reference, as well.

Thank you,
Matt Drange

August 26, 2022

Illinois Freedom of Information Act request

Dear Public Records Officer,

Pursuant to the state open records law, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1 to 140/11.6, I write to request access to and a copy of the following, which I understand to be held by your agency:

- All separation agreements and settlements reached with current and former teachers who taught in the district between January 1, 2017 through the day this request is fulfilled.

- All public records relating to any and all claims of misconduct against current and former teachers who taught in the district between January 1, 2017 through the day this request is fulfilled. Such public records should include, but not be limited to, all complaints; allegations; claims; investigatory reports; analyses; summaries; memoranda and/or notes; interview recordings; transcripts and/or notes; reviews; emails, text or other electronic messages, voicemails, and/or other communications and/or correspondence; determinations; decisions; orders; resignation letters; employment reclassification documents; offers in compromise and/or settlement agreements; termination and/or transfer papers; letters of reproof and/or other disciplinary actions, whether imposed or not; referrals to law enforcement, administrative, and/or licensing agencies, departments, and/or bodies; appeals; court filings and/or rulings; and all similar materials notwithstanding the use of other terminology, nomenclature, or categorization by this or other involved public agencies.

To further clarify this request, the scope of the misconduct at issue arises from, relates to, and/or is a consequence of sexual behavior and/or activities with district students, whether currently or previously enrolled, and notwithstanding whether any such behavior and/or activities were proven to have occurred or not. The construction of this request should be understood to be liberal and

expansive, such that all public records which may be remotely responsive should be produced in full and may only be withheld and/or redacted only as required by law.

I would like these records in the electronic format that they are stored in, transmitted via email or other digital method; please refrain from sending paper copies of the records.

Rather than provide all responsive records at once, I ask that you provide copies of records on a rolling basis, as they become available.

If you determine that any of the information qualifies for an exemption from disclosure, I ask you to note whether the exemption is discretionary, and if so whether it is necessary in this case to exercise your discretion to withhold the information. In any event, please provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on which you rely if you determine that any of the information is exempt and will not be disclosed.

Please waive any applicable fees; this information is being sought for reporting purposes. If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite the processing of my request, please contact me directly, at mdrange@insider.com.

As provided in the open records law, I will expect your response within five (5) business days. Note: a delay in access to these records is tantamount to a denial of access.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Matt Drange
Senior Correspondent, Business Insider

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SUBJECT: Re: Business Insider August 26 2022 FOIA request
FROM: Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org>
TO: Matt Drange <mdrange@insider.com>
DATE: 08/26/2022 11:36

Good Morning -

School District 308's FOIA office has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated August 26, 2022, and assigned it control number 22-52.

Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

At this time, we are forwarding your request to the correct department to provide us with any documents related to responding to your request. We will respond within 5 days of receipt of this request.(5ILCS 140/3(d), (e).

Thank you.

Andrea Wiaduch
Finance Coordinator/FOIA Officer
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On Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 11:30 AM 'Matt Drange' via FOIArequests <foiarequests@sd308.org> wrote:

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SUBJECT: Re: Business Insider August 26 2022 FOIA request
FROM: Matt Drange <mdrange@insider.com>
TO: Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org>
DATE: 09/08/2022 01:27

Hello, thank you for the update. Yes, understood. Please let me know if I can provide any clarification. The separation and settlement agreements, for example, do not require review or redaction, and are generally stored in a readily accessible and segregable form. So those should be ready for release first.

On Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 8:47 AM Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org> wrote:

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Please let me know if you received my 9/1 request for an extension of time to answer FOIA 22-52. I have attached it again.

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On Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 12:00 PM Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org> wrote:

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FROM: Matt Drange <mdrange@insider.com>
TO: Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org>
DATE: 09/12/2022 17:12

Thank you.

On Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 2:21 PM Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org> wrote:
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Just my opinion- but if we are not publishing the FOIA replies, when someone sends in a FOIA request for those materials, we treat it like a new FOIA??

On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 8:15 AM Andrea Wiaduch <awiaduch@sd308.org> wrote:

I just noticed that the requestor [REDACTED] I would not mark this as a new FOIA. Only a request for previously released info. I think there should be something on the website for requesting information that a response was already prepared and sent to a requestor. Any thoughts? Also, is this appropriate to [REDACTED] Please advise.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Abraham Gallegos** [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 11:25 AM
Subject: FOIA ID 22-52 Response Request
To: <FOIArequests@sd308.org>

To whoever it may concern,

The 22-52 FOIA Request, sent by Matt Drange from Business Insider, response has been unlinked and unavailable to public users of the SD308 site. I'd like to request a copy of the response please.

Thank you, Abraham Gallegos

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