

February 23, 2023

Ruth Rob Frey

VIA EMAIL - robruthfrey@gmail.com

Re: FOIA Request 23-13

Subject: Correspondence between Joanne Johnson and Faith Dahlquist, Dr. Sparlin, Christi Tyler, John Petzke, or Theresa Komiatas between March 20, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

Dear Ms. Frey:

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your 2/13/2023 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. Attached is the information you requested. Redactions have been made due to the following exemption(s) under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act as follows:

Section 7(1)(b) - Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law, or a court order.

Section 7(1)(c) - Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.

The decision to withhold the information was made by me consulting with our District legal counsel. 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 > FOIA Requests Responses - 2023 – click on the link for 23-13 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: Emergency Meeting Request

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: boe@sd308.org, jsparlin@sd308.org, fdalquist@sd308.org

DATE: 02/12/2022 17:40

ATTACHMENTS (20220212-174050-0000005): "image.png"

All,

On Thursday, I served all of you (except Donna Marino) with a letter of intent to file a claim against your bond; which is at risk via your violation of the Oath you took to uphold the laws of this land. It has been made crystal clear that Mandates, Policies and/or agreements do NOT supersede the law. This was not something that I enjoyed, nor is it something that I ever wanted to do.

Thursday was a sober moment for so many of the parents in this community. We heard that our children are being discriminated against resulting in them being segregated, intimidated, abused & denied their right to an education. The school district is now also culpable for the violation your own Harassment policy shown below.

At this point the parents of this district want an <u>immediate board meeting</u> called to put this matter to rest. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR CHILDREN!!

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Students

Harassment of Students Prohibited

No person, including a School District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; creed; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status as homeless; or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Complaints of harassment, intimidation or bullying are handled according to the provisions on sexual harassment below. The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students that the District will not tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying by including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Joanne A. Johnson

SUBJECT: Re:
FROM: Joanne Johnson
TO: John Sparlin <jsparlin@sd308.org></jsparlin@sd308.org>
DATE: 10/07/2022 15:24
Dr Sparlin,
Thank you for your timely response & clarification
Sincerely,
Joanne Johnson
On Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 2:19 PM John Sparlin <sparlin@sd308 org=""> wrote:</sparlin@sd308>
Good afternoon Joanne,
Thank you for your message regarding the permission form for robotics After touching base with the staff sponsor for this program, she explained that it was an oversight, that language was inadvertently left in the form from the previous year. There is not a district policy or state regulation requiring masks on buses. Our apologies for the mistake. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.
Sincerely,
John Sparlin
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Dr. John W. Sparlin
Superintendent of Schools
Oswego Community Unit School District 308
4175 Route 71
Oswego, IL 60543
From: boe@sd308 org <box 12:38="" 2022="" 7,="" am<="" behalf="" friday,="" joanne="" johnson="" october="" of="" on="" sent:="" td=""></box >
To: boe@sd308 org Subject:
Subject.
BOE,
Was a decision made to required masks again, or was this permission slip not updated?
"Students riding the bus are expected to wear a mask for the duration of travel as in accordance with regulations in place by SD308 and the State of IL"
Thank you,
Joanne Johnson







Preseason Competition Permission Slip

Event Information

Event: Roboteer Rumble Pre-Season Competition

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Does not include transportation)

Location: Tremont High School / 400 W Pearl St / Tremont, IL 61568

Student Information

Student Name:

Emergency Contac

Transportation

Students will be taking a school bus to and from the event by the SD308 Transportation Department. Students riding the bus are expected to wear a mask for the duration of travel as in accordance with regulations in place by SD308 and the State of Illinois. Transportation will take place from the Gearbox and to the Gearbox. Students must arrange from transportation to and from the Gearbox. Please make note of the departure and arrival times below.

Departure: Saturday, 11/05/22 at 5:30am. Students should arrive at the Gearbox at 5:15am Arrival: Saturday, 11/05/22 between 8:00 - 8:30pm. This is a best estimate and depends on competition

Date	Printed Name of Guardian	
of Student if 18 or olde	er	
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SUBJECT: Emotional Intelligence

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: boe@sd308.org, fDahlquist@sd308.org, jsparlin@sd308.org

DATE: 02/14/2022 14:43

ATTACHMENTS (20220214-144324-0000002): "image.png"

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SUBJECT: FIOA Request - SD 308 School Board Member Signed Oath's

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/10/2021 17:16

Please provide the signed "Board Member Oath and Conduct" for each of the current SD 308 board members.

- Dr. Donna Marino (President)
- LaTonya Simelton (Vice President)
- Ruth Kroner (Secretary)
- Eugene Gatewood (Member)
- Alison Swanson (Member)
- Jennifer Johnson (Member)
- Lauri Doyle (Member)

SUBJECT: FIOA Request - Do all SD 308 Board members &

Superintendent reside in the district?

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/10/2021 17:24

Please confirm that the following School Board Members as well as the Superintendent have lived (as their primary residence) in the SD 308 School District since their role began in the school district, and that they still live within the school district; again as their primary residence.

- · John Sparlin (Superintendent)
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SUBJECT: FIOA Request - Covid19 Mask Mandate

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/10/2021 17:33

Please provide any documentation from any and all State of Illinois or Teachers Unions regarding the decision to revoke the right of a student or their parent to choose to wear a mask.

Specifically, please specify what funding has been or will be provided if SD 308 followed Gov. J.B. Prizker's mask mandate.

If the Oswego 308 board decided to exercise their right to follow the wishes of the majority of parents and continue to provide the right to choose, what would the repercussions be beyond the forfeiture of the Covid funding?

SUBJECT: FOIA Request - Illinois Board of Education Mask &

Vacciation Mandates

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/10/2021 17:49

Please provide the scientific evidence that was provided to the Oswego 308 Board of Education that **was peer reviewed** to prove that:

1. Masks are effective for Covid 19, a virus that is an airborne ariosole, and NOT droplets.

2. That the mRNA vaccine is safe to mandate for our teachers.

I would also like any information that this school district has reviewed to ensure that you are taking a 360 degree view to ensure that you are doing the right thing for our children and this community.

SUBJECT: Re: FIOA Request 21-62 - Do all SD 308 Board members &

Superintendent reside in the district?

FROM: John Petzke < ipetzke@sd308.org>

TO: Joanne Johnson

CC: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/17/2021 16:58

Hello Joanne,

The School District 308 FOIA office has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 10, 2021, and assigned it control number 21-62.

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

At this time, we are forwarding your request to the superintendent's office who will conduct a search and provide us with any documents related to your request.

Thank you, John Petzke

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 5:25 PM Joanne Johnson

wrote

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Thank you, Joanne Johnson

Dr. John Petzke
CFO/CSBO
Community Unit School District #308
71 Stone Hill Road
Oswego, IL 60543
(630) 636-3180
jpetzke@sd308.org

SUBJECT: FIOA Request 21-63 - Covid19 Mask Mandate

FROM: John Petzke < jpetzke@sd308.org>

TO: Joanne Johnson

BCC: Theresa Komitas < tkomitas@sd308.org>

DATE: 09/17/2021 17:09

Hello Joanne,

The School District 308 FOIA office has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 10, 2021, and assigned it control number 21-63.

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

At this time, we are forwarding your request to the superintendent's office who will conduct a search of the documents you requested.

Thank you, John Petzke

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 5:33 PM Joanne Johnson

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CFO/CSBO
Community Unit School District #308
71 Stone Hill Road
Oswego, IL 60543
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jpetzke@sd308.org

SUBJECT: Re: FOIA Request 21-64 - Illinois Board of Education Mask &

Vacciation Mandates

FROM: John Petzke < ipetzke@sd308.org>

TO: Joanne Johnson

CC: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/17/2021 17:11

Hello Joanne,

The School District 308 FOIA office has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 10, 2021, and assigned it control number 21-64.

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Dr. John Petzke

CFO/CSBO Community Unit School District #308 71 Stone Hill Road Oswego, IL 60543 (630) 636-3180 jpetzke@sd308.org SUBJECT: FOIA request - Liability Insurance Bonding

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 12/17/2021 09:05

Please prove available information related to Oswego 308 School District liability insurance bonding for the School Board & Adminstration to include, but not limited to:

- Bonding Agent Name,
- Bonding Agent Contact Number,
- Bonding Agent E-Mail address
- Bonding details & coverage

SUBJECT: FOIA Request - Photocopy of Insurance policy

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 02/07/2022 11:10

Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I am a private citizen seeking information concerning your public official surety bond, or the Errors & Omissions (E&O), and or the Duty of Care policy that you are required by the state of Illinois to obtain before swearing the oath of office.

I request that a photo copy of the following documents be provided:

- A photocopy of your Public Official Surety Bond required by Illinois (15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203).
- A photocopy of the governing board of education blanket surety bond if your board requires the members to be bonded under a blanket bond.
- A photocopy of your Errors & Omissions (E&O), a Surety Liability Insurance policy, and the Duty of Care policy if applicable.
- A photocopy of your school board General Obligation Bonds if applicable.
- A photocopy of your general long term bond for the school board if applicable.
- A photocopy of your school board Crime Policy if applicable.
- A photocopy of your Risk Management Policy if applicable.
- A photocopy of the following documents if applicable:
 - ACORD 125
 - o ACORD 126
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 - o ACORD 128
 - The documents should indicate the policy number and the insured amount of the policy.
- A photocopy of the Certificate of Liability if applicable.
- Public Officials and/or any other bonds pertaining to proof of liability and policies. **Based on any and all loses of financial responsibility due to

negligence or dishonesty. Any and all based on the contract of terms and conditions.

- A photocopy of the Faithful Performance Bond if applicable.
- A photocopy of the Fidelity Bond if applicable.
- A photocopy of the Public Employee Dishonesty Policy if applicable.
- A photocopy of the Public Employee Blanket Bond if applicable.
- A photocopy of the Statutory Bond if applicable.
- A photocopy of the Official Bond if applicable.
- A photocopy of the power of attorney for the surety bond company.
- A photo copy of the Blanket Bond power of attorney for the surety bond company if applicable.

(15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203) Sec. 3. Oath and Bond: Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, the Comptroller shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by Article XIII, Section 3 of the constitution and shall give bond payable to the People of the State of Illinois in the sum of \$1,000,000 by inclusion in the blanket bond or bonds or self-insurance program provided for in Sections 14.1 and 14.2 of the Official Bond Act. The bond shall be conditioned (i) on the faithful discharge of the Comptroller's duties, (ii) on the delivery of all papers, books, records, and other property appertaining to his or her office, whole, safe, and undefaced, to the successor in office, and (iii) on the Comptroller giving such additional bonds as may be legally required.

Sincerely,

Joanne Johnson

SUBJECT: FOIA Request - Terms & Conditions of ESSR Funds

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 02/07/2022 12:18

Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I am a private citizen seeking information concerning **all** Terms & Conditions of the ESSR funds allocated to SD308, as well as the dates & amounts of payments received from Jan 2020 – Feb 2022.

Please provide a copy of the following:

- Agreements to include the Terms & Conditions to receive the funds between SD308 & any Illinois governmental entity or US Federal governmental entity
- How the funds were allocated within SD308

Points of particular interest are:

- Masking requirements to enter the building
- Employee vaccination or testing requirements
- Any funds directly related to SEL, DEI or CRT

Thank you,

Joanne Johnson

SUBJECT: FOIA Request - Tra

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 02/27/2022 11:32

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). I request the following information for all learning material provided or published by Pearson for SD308 K-9 classes, or SD308 staff.

- Title of any type of learning material provided by Pearson. This includes but is not limited to textbook(s), eText(s), eTextbook(s), training materials or Study tool(s) utilized currently, or in the past 2 years.
- The associated grade & class names for each Title in item #1
- Any type of communications related to the purchase and/or use of the materials.
 This includes, but is not limited to e-mails, memos, content reviews or assessments, proposals, presentations, contracts, receipts, and curriculum approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joanne A. Johnson

SUBJECT: FOIA Request

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 08/08/2022 17:51

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I am requesting the following documentation:

- All agreements, explicit or non-explicit, contractual, or non-contractual, to include MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) or any other type of document(s) related to the financial payments allocated to SD308 from the CARES, CRRSA, or ARP Federal Stimulus Funds. Please include past, present & future disbursements and/or commitments made by SD308, or on behalf of SD308.
- Any collateral provided as evidence of compliance with any agreements as they relate to the CARES, CRRSA, or ARP Federal Stimulus Funds received, or to be received by SD308, which includes, but is not limited to the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education, U.S. Department of Education, any teacher's union or any other Federal Agency.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Joanne Johnson

SUBJECT: FOIA Links in 2022 folder are not working

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 08/26/2022 09:22

ATTACHMENTS (20220826-092238-0000016): "image.png",

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Good morning,

The links in the "FOIA Request Responses - 2022" folder are not available.

Is there a reason for this?

FOIA Request Responses - 2022



FOIA Request Responses - 2021



SUBJECT: FOIA Request - Hiring Bank of Questions

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 09/12/2022 20:40

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I am requesting the "Bank of Questions" mentioned by Faith used when interviewing new teachers & administrators.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Joanne Johnson

SUBJECT: FOIA Request: To Kill A Mockingbird

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 12/05/2022 10:10

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). 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
- Any communications sent to teachers & staff related to the book To Kill a Mockingbird.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joanne A. Johnson

SUBJECT:

FROM: Joanne Johnson

TO: FOIArequests@sd308.org

DATE: 12/28/2022 10:33

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). I request the following information as it relates to removing *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the SD308 curriculum and libraries. My prior FOIA 22-69 was incomplete.

• Any communications from 2020, 2021 or 2022 that contain the word "Mockingbird". This includes, but is not limited to **emails**, memos, content reviews or assessments, proposals, presentations, meeting minutes/agendas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Emotional Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Please call me at

FROM: Joanne Johnson <

TO: fDahlquist@sd308.org DATE: 02/14/2022 15:11

Ms. Dalquist,

I would like to talk with you prior to submitting the claim against your bond. I want to be fair, and if you do not have control over the current situation, I do not want to include you.

SUBJECT: Emergency orders expired & not approved for renewal

FROM: Joanne Johnson <

TO: boe@sd308.org, fDahlquist@sd308.org, jsparlin@sd308.org

DATE: 02/16/2022 02:29

All,

Please end this now. You are CLEARLY in direct violation of the law.

Both the mask mandate & the vax or test mandates expired yesterday & are not being renewed.

PLEASE put an end to this so that we can begin the healing process within our community.

Thank you, Joanne Johnson

https://www.mystateline.com/news/local-news/illinois-legislators-vote-against-extending-school-mask-mandate/