



FOIA Request

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To: foia@mokena159.org

Dear Mokena FOIA Officer:

During the February 19, 2025, District 159 School Board Meeting, Interim Superintendent, Steve Stein, presented information regarding the company CLEAR, and urged the Board to enter into a costly contract with that agency to conduct residency checks on all students.

The annual fee for such a contract would exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) based on the presentation made to the board. Additionally, during this presentation, Mr. Stein indicated that CLEAR had approached District 159 as a potential vendor, and indicated that they believed there could be "up to 15-20" students who are not residents within the District 159 bounds attending school here. There was not any information provided about any investigations that had been done by District 159 relating to students who attend school within the district but are not district residents. Rather, the recommendation was based on an allegation by a sales vendor attempting to induce the district to enter into an expensive contract.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following information for each of the years listed:

1. **Academic Year 2024-2025** - The total number of students enrolled at Mokena Elementary School, Mokena Intermediate School, and Mokena Junior High School, that have been determined to not reside within the school district. This request does not seek any Personally Identifying Information relating to individual students, and seeks only a total number of students.
2. **Academic Year 2023-2024** - The total number of students enrolled at Mokena Elementary School, Mokena Intermediate School, and Mokena Junior High School, that have been determined to not reside within the school district. This request does not seek any Personally Identifying Information relating to individual students, and seeks only a total number of students.
3. **Academic Year 2022-2023** - The total number of students enrolled at Mokena Elementary School, Mokena Intermediate School, and Mokena Junior High School, that have been determined to not reside within the school district. This request does not seek any Personally Identifying Information relating to individual students, and seeks only a total number of students.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brown
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