

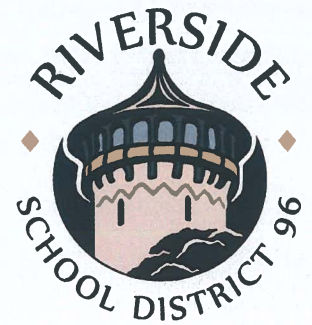
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Wang:

On April 17, 2026, you submitted a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to Riverside School District 96 (the "District"). Your request and the District's response are below:

Request: I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format: We seek the following records for the time period of January 1, 2026, through the present:

1. Policies and Guidance

- Any and all policies, procedures, guidelines, or administrative directives concerning religious accommodations for students, including but not limited to accommodations related to Ramadan observance.

2. Ramadan-Specific Records

- Any and all records, including memoranda, guidance documents, or internal communications, specifically addressing accommodations for students observing Ramadan.

3. Prayer Accommodations During School Hours

- Any and all records reflecting policies, practices, or guidance regarding student prayer during the school day, including but not limited to:
 - Use of designated spaces for prayer;
 - Permission to leave class for religious observance;
 - Staff instructions or administrative guidance concerning such practices.

4. Implementation and Communication

- Any communications, including emails or memoranda, between district administrators, school staff, or external entities concerning the implementation of accommodations for students observing Ramadan.

5. Complaints or Requests

- Any records reflecting requests for religious accommodations related to Ramadan, and any records reflecting how such requests were handled, including summaries or reports (excluding personally identifiable student information).

Response: Please see attached.

To the extent you interpret this as a denial of your request, you have the right to have denials 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, Illinois 62701, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov, Phone: 877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of the denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request for documents and the 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.

Sincerely,



Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye
Freedom of Information Act Officer