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Fwd: FOIA request Judiciocracy Series 2 - FOIA Compliance

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Balestri, Courtney <balestric@pcschoools535.org>
To: Clayton Theisinger <theisingerc@pcschoools535.org>

Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 11:23 PM

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From: <foia@judiciocracy.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 2:23 PM
Subject: FOIA request Judiciocracy Series 2 - FOIA Compliance
To: <balestric@pcschoools535.org>

To Putnam County Elementary School,

I am a news reporter from Judiciocracy, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. As part of a multi-year, multi-state investigation, we are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

We are not only writing on behalf of Judiciocracy LLC but also our affiliate organizations the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, the Association of Principled Press, and ClearFront Alliance. We are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- 1) Please share the documents posted physically to comply with 5 ILCS 140/4(b).
- 2) Please share the documents posted digitally to comply with 5 ILCS 140/4(b).
- 3) Documents showing the public entity's e-mail service provider or internal email servers and services.
- 4) Documentation showing the public entity's Junk Mail, E-Mail Spam, and/or filters related to handling unsolicited emails and/or messages from unknown senders, including but not limited to documentation showing retention periods, filtering, safe senders, junk/spam senders, blocked senders, and any reporting mechanism for the same.
- 5) Documents showing at least one official email address of the public entity.
- 6) Documents showing any email address used for official business if there is no official email address in response to number 5.

Please let us know if you have any questions not answered on COGS' website, or by contacting COGS' attorneys whose contact information can be found at FOIASolved.com (a division of LegalSolved LLC).

The requestor(s) are members of the media involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for them to fulfill their professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given their role in disseminating information, the requestor(s) are eligible for a fee waiver as media professionals. The request is for a non-commercial purpose.

Please Note: The requestor is a member of The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Catarina Mascarenhas

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To: "Balestri, Courtney" <balestric@pcschoools535.org>

Thu, Jun 18, 2026 at 11:08 AM

Thank you!

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Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger

Superintendent
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Theisinger, Clayton <theisingerc@pcschools535.org>
To: foia@judiciocracy.com

Tue, Jun 23, 2026 at 8:28 AM

Dear Requestor:

Please see the attached response letter and records.


Sincerely,


Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger
FOIA Officer

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2 attachments

 **Response Documents (June 18th, 2026) - Email Retention Administrative Procedure.pdf**
153K

 **Response Letter (June 18th, 2026) - FOIA Information.pdf**
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