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December 2, 2020

Susie An
WEBZ-FM

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Ms. An:

On November 23 2020, Crystal Lake School District No. 47 received a Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Request from you via email and requested a response by Friday, December 4, 2020, in which you requested the following:

- Number of students enrolled this year as of Nov. 6? (Does the number include students in off-campus placements for special needs? If so, is this population included in overall attendance count?)
Response: 7,034 which includes all students enrolled in D47 both remote and in-person
- Please, provide attendance data for Tuesday Sept. 29 through Friday Oct. 2; and Monday Nov. 2 through Friday Nov. 6 (with the exception of Nov. 3).
Response: 579 total absences from 09/29 thru 10/2/2020; 947.5 total absences from 11/2 thru 11/6/2020
- Was the district engaged in hybrid or all remote learning during these weeks?
Response: The district was engaged in some part of either hybrid or remote learning for students during the dates.
- What does a student need to do to be marked present this year for in-person learning and what do they need to do to be marked present for remote learning? How might this differ from the district’s pre-COVID attendance policy?
Response: All students are considered present unless marked absent by district personnel. There is no difference from the district's normal process.
- Is the district tracking attendance differently than previous years in any other way? For example, students may be absent because of tech issues - it may be an excused absence but marked differently from an absence due to illness.
Response: When tech issues are brought to the attention of the district, they are reviewed by the districts' tech team. A student is not automatically marked absent for tech issues without further review.

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- For districts engaging in hybrid, does the district keep track of students who must temporarily switch to remote for quarantine purposes? If data is available, how many students had to temporarily switch to remote during the requested time frame?
Response: Data not available
- What is the average daily attendance for the first quarter this year? What is the average daily attendance for the first quarter of last year?
Response: Current year data is not yet calculated by the State. Last year data for the first Trimester is: 11/2019 Claimable ADA 6,824.2

Please find the information above which fulfills our obligation to your FOIA request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 815-788-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare F. Bourne".

Clare F. Bourne
Freedom of Information Officer
Crystal Lake School District 47

From: **Susie An** <San@wbez.org>
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 5:14 PM
Subject: WBEZ request
To: dcbarr@d47.org <dcbarr@d47.org>

Hi Denise,

This is Susie An with WBEZ-FM. I'm working on a story about attendance and how this semester of COVID may have had an impact. I'm asking a sampling of districts around the region for the information below. Could you please respond by Friday Dec. 4? Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. Thanks!

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6. For districts engaging in hybrid, does the district keep track of students who must temporarily switch to remote for quarantine purposes? If data is available, how many students had to temporarily switch to remote during the requested timeframe?
7. What is the average daily attendance for the first quarter this year? What is the average daily attendance for the first quarter of last year?