

Mr. Durbin,

We are in receipt of your email dated April 29, 2022. In your email, you requested that the District provide certain information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. In particular, you asked for:

- **Any and all communications between Dr. Hill, Mrs. Deidre Ripka, Mr. Scott Jones, the District 709 school board, and any other involved in the discussions about the communications between Mr. Jones and Mr. Durbin on the night of 4/25/22.**
- **Any and all communications between Dr. Hill, Mrs. Deidre Ripka, Mr. Scott Jones, Dr. Craig Smock, the District 709 school board, and any other involved in the discussions involving Mr. Durbin from events that occurred from my punishment determined on 4/13/2.**
- **Any and all communications involving Scott Jones from the incident on 12/6/19. Including all communications between the IHSA, referee Mike Mercer, assignor Don King, and Mr. Scott Jones.**

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. The documents responsive to that part of your request that has been granted are attached to this email. One email that is otherwise responsive to your request has been withheld pursuant to Section 7(1)(a) of the Act in that the document is not subject to disclosure under state law as it references conversations held in a closed session of the Board of Education under Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(8) of the Open Meetings Act.

I, Troy A. Teater, as Freedom of Information Officer in the school district, am the person responsible for the denial of your request.

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 by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
Email: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

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. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). 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.

Sincerely,

Troy A. Teater Ed.D.