



MORTON

TROY TEATER, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent

Community Unit School District 709

1050 South Fourth Ave · Suite 200 · Morton, Illinois 61550-2596 · Phone (309) 263-2581

April 12, 2024

Speak Out Illinois LLC
PO Box 554
Washington, IL 61571

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to your request for information from Morton District 709 according to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. On April 5, 2024, District 709 received your FOIA request asking for:

We are requesting copies of Staff Emails pertaining to STUDENTS who identify as LGBTIQIA. These emails would be described as discriminatory towards students, derogatory statements about students, and or Information/Statistics relating to Complaints of Bullying by an LGBTQIA student.

We are also seeking an Official Letter from the District Superintendent or Principal on the Schools Current Status of Bullying in the School, What the School is doing to Prevent Bullying and or Violence between Students and Staff along with Student-to-Student Procedures.

District 709 does not collect information related to a student's gender identity or sexual orientation. Therefore, we would not be able to identify emails related to LGBTIQIA students or track bullying complaints by LGBTQIA students.

There is not an official letter from the district superintendent or principals related to bullying, but there are several board policies the district superintendent and principals use for the prevention of and response to bullying, intimidation, and harassment. Board policies 5:20, 5:230, 7:180, 7:185, and 7:190 can be found on our website, under the Board of Education tab, on the Policies page.

If you have questions regarding bullying/harassment policies, practices, or procedures in District 709, please don't hesitate to call. I can be reached at (309)263-2581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy A. Teater'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Troy A. Teater Ed.D.