Hello Ms. Drews,

This email is being sent in response to your request for documents submitted to the Rockford School District #205 as set forth below. We have not received a response from you regarding our request for narrowing or clarification on the portion of your request for “any and all communication including but not limited to emails ….. that discuss or involve PMA Financial and its affiliates from May 1, 2011”. As such, because the District has 5661 emails from the period of time at issue that contain the names provided, this portion of your request has been determined to be unduly burdensome. 5 ILCS 140/3(g). The remaining portions of your request have been granted. Responsive documents are attached. Please note that personal signatures have been redacted. Such personal information is not subject to disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/2, and these documents are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and 7(1)(c).

You have a right to have this response 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, IL 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

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. 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 communication. 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 815-966-3109. Thank you.

Chris Euhus
Legal Department
Rockford School District #205
501 7th Street
Rockford, IL 61104
815-966-3109
Hello Ms. Drews,

Rockford School District #205 is in receipt of your request below filed pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/2 et seq. The District is working on compiling documents responsive to your request for Board minutes, Committee minutes, documents showing how much money the District paid PMA Financial and its affiliates, bids submitted, contracts, sub-contracts and any other agreements for PMA Financial, Forecast 5 Analytics, Prudent man Advisors and PMA Securities, form May 1, 2011 to May 27, 2016.

On June 2, 2016 I left you a voice message asking for clarification as to what you meant by “any and all communication including but not limited to emails, letters, memos and meeting minutes that discuss or involve PMA Financial and its affiliates from May 1, 2011”. At this time I have not received a response. Please note our initial search of the District’s email archive from the period at issue for each of the named companies returned 5661 emails. Specifically we found 157 emails containing the term “Forecast 5 Analytics,” 1676 emails containing the term “Prudent Man Advisors,” 1705 emails containing the term “PMA Securities” and 2123 emails containing the term “PMA Financial.” As such, I am reaching out to try to narrow this portion of your request. As submitted, this portion of your request would likely be categorized as unduly burdensome as defined by the Act. 5 ILCS 140/3(g).

Thank you.

Chris Euhus  
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815-966-3109 (internal 16676)
Prudent Man Advisors and PMA Securities, from May 1, 2011 to today. Please also include copies of any and all requests for proposal, bids and any other bid-related solicitations, as well as any and all bids and responses received, for any of the work that was ultimately performed by PMA Financial and its affiliates.

I'd also like copies of documents sufficient to show how much money the district paid PMA Financial and its affiliates from May 1, 2011 to today and for what purpose.

Lastly, I am asking for any and all communication including but not limited to emails, letters, memos and meeting minutes that discuss or involve PMA Financial and its affiliates from May 1, 2011 to today.

Please note this information is for a possible news story. As such I ask that you waive any fees associated with this request. I ask that you convey this information electronically, via email to my email address. I ask that you please reach out to me with any questions or needs for clarification.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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