Hello Ms. Ruckman,

Your Freedom of Information Act request below has been granted. Your individual requests are set forth below along with the District’s responses.

Request #1: Please provide documents showing the end of year total payroll summary, including total covered wages and number of employees. Please provide this information from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016. Please provide this separated out by fiscal year.

Response to Request #1: Please see the attached spreadsheet labeled Total Wages09-15xls.

Request #2: Please provide documents showing the annual total costs of workers compensation to your unit. This should include the following, but is not limited to: Any settlement payments; Indemnity payments; and Medical payments.

Response to Request #2: Please see attached spreadsheet labeled Workers Comp Rockford 06302016xls.

Request #3: Please provide documents showing how many workers compensation claims were filed each fiscal year against your unit from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016.

Response to Request #3: Please see attached spreadsheet labeled Workers Comp Rockford 06302016xls. Please note the District has not maintained documents responsive to this request for the entire period requested.

Request #4: Is the unit of government self-insured? If the school district has a workers compensation insurer, please provide documents showing the total amount of premium payments made to the insurance company from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016 and separated by year as responsive to the document request made in item #2. Also, does the unit of government have excess insurance? If so, please provide documents showing those payments as well.

Response to Request #4: Please see attached PDF document entitled Rockford Board of Education which contains an Excess Workers Compensation Policy Summary of payments to our excess insurance carrier as District #205 is self-insured. In addition the table below was provided from underwriters describing fees paid by policy period 2012-2015:

7/1/15-10/1/16 - $54,000
7/1/14-15 - $73,770
7/1/13-14 - $62,480
7/1/12-13 - $59,795

To the extent you consider this response a denial of your request, 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
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 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.

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 (internal 16676)

From: Christina Euhus
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 11:26 AM
To: ‘Research Policy’
Cc: ‘Lori Hoadley’; Earl Dotson
Subject: Worker’s Compensation FOIA extension

Hello Ms. Ruckman,

Rockford School District #205 received your request below on September 22, 2016. Under the Freedom of Information Act, a public body may extend the time to respond to a request up to 5 business days. We are extending the time to respond to your attached request for the following reason(s):

_x_ We store the requested records in whole or in part at another location(s).
___ Responding to the request requires that we collect a substantial number of specified records.
___ The request is couched in categorical terms and requires that we conduct an extensive search for the records responsive to it.
___ In order to determine whether the requested records are exempt under Section 7 of FOIA or must be redacted in part before they are disclosed, we must have the documents reviewed by 

___ We cannot comply with the request for records within the 5 business day time limit without unduly burdening or interfering with our operations.

We will respond to your request by October 6, 2016. Thank you.

Chris Euhus
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Legal Department
Rockford School District #205
501 7th Street
To whom it may concern,

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). The purpose of this FOIA is to learn the total cost of workers’ compensation on local governments, and any summary information or documentation that shows the total cost of workers' compensation each year compared to the total wages paid each year would be appreciated. We would like to learn this information in terms of dollar amounts so we understand the entire tax liability to taxpayers. We have requested documents below, but you may also provide a summary of information, rather than actual documents, if that is less burdensome on your staff.

As you can see below, we have request information from fiscal years 2010-2016. If you do not have documentation encompassing all of these years, please let us know. We are interested in the years you have available.

I am seeking the following:

1. Please provide documents showing the end of year total payroll summary, including total covered wages and number of employees. Please provide this information from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016. Please provide this separated out by fiscal year.

2. Please provide documents showing the annual total costs of workers compensation to your unit. This should include the following, but is not limited to:
   - Any settlement payments
   - Indemnity payments
   - Medical payments

3. Please provide documents showing how many workers compensation claims were filed each fiscal year against your unit from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016.

4. Is the unit of government self-insured? If the school district has a workers compensation insurer, please provide documents showing the total amount of premium payments made to the insurance company from July 1, 2009 – June 31, 2016 and separated by year as responsive to the document request made in item #2. Also, does the unit of government have excess insurance? If so, please provide documents showing those payments as well.

The purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and, because it is on behalf of a not-for-profit organization, is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.
Therefore, I ask that you furnish any responsive documents without charge.

I will expect to receive your response within five business days, as required by the statute (5 ILCS 140/3(d)). However, please let us know if you would like an extension of time.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Mindy Ruckman
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