Hello Mr. Cox,

Please permit this email to serve as District #205’s response to your Freedom of Information Act request below. Your individual requests are set forth below, along with the District’s responses.

**Request #1:** The number of investigations of residency of Rockford Public School Students conducted in the last five (5) years.

**Response to Request #1:** The Legal Department is asked to investigate a number of residency matters, including whether a non-District resident is attending an District school, whether a District resident is falsifying their address in order to attend a different zone than that to which they are assigned, whether an individual is falsely claiming to be homeless to attend a school of their choice. The number of residency investigations the Legal Department opened is set forth below. Please note, the number of cases investigated by the Legal Department does not necessarily reflect an accurate total of actual residency investigations / violations within the District inasmuch as administrators at the individual schools as well as at the Families in Transition and the Transportation Department will also investigate whether a student resides in the District and/or is a resident in the zone in which the student is enrolled. The District Legal Department is the only Department that tracks residency investigations. Individual schools and other departments do not track residency investigations.

89 2013-2014 sy
72 2014-2015 sy
43 2015-2016 sy
53 2016-2017 sy
98 2017-2018 sy

**Request #2:** The ethnicity of each student whose residency was questioned in the last five (5) years.

**Response to Request #2:** The District does not track this data.

**Request #3:** The outcome of any hearing concerning residency held within the last five (5) years.

**Response to Request #3:** When the hearing officer determines that a non-resident student is attending a District school, the hearing officer’s findings are presented to and voted on by the Board of Education. The results of the Board vote are posted on the District’s BoardDocs site at: https://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/Public.
Specifically, see the minutes of the following Board meetings: April 10, 2018, January 23, 2018, August 8, 2017, May 23, 2017 (two hearings-two families), May 10, 2016, July 14, 2015, August 12, 2014, April 22, 2014, April 1, 2014, February 25, 2014, July 9, 2013, February 12, 2013. There have been 2 hearings where the hearing officer found in favor of the student.

**Request #4:** The credentials of any investigators who have conducted investigations within the last five (5) years, including but not limited to Richard Bockover, Gregg Wilson and Gary Spangler.

**Response to Request #4:** Please see the attached resumes and/or employment applications. Please note that home addresses and phone numbers, personal email addresses, signatures and employee ID numbers have been redacted. 5 ILCS 140/2, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and 7(1)(c).

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  
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 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  
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From: Christina Euhus  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 10:58 AM  
To: 'gcox@nicgal.com' <gcox@nicgal.com>  
Cc: Lori Hoadley <Lori.Hoadley@rps205.com>; Ehren Jarrett <ehren.jarrett@rps205.com>; Earl Dotson <earl.dotson@rps205.com>; Cathy Bayer <cathy.bayer@rps205.com>  
Subject: FW: Records of Investigations/Hearing Outcomes re: Residency

Hello Mr. Cox,
Rockford School District #205 is extending the time to respond to your attached request for the following reason(s):

___ We store the requested records in whole or in part at another location(s).
_x_ 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
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_x_ 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 April 30, 2018. Thank you.

Chris Euhus
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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Rockford School District #205
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815-966-3109 (internal 16676)

From: Greg Cox [mailto:GCox@nicgal.com]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 2:26 PM
To: FOIA <foia@rps205.com>
Subject: Records of Investigations/Hearing Outcomes re: Residency

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Freedom Of Information Officer, Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom Of Information Act, please consider this a formal request for copies of the following records pertaining to the information listed below.

The number of investigations of residency of Rockford Public School Students conducted in the last five (5) years.
The ethnicity of each student whose residency was questioned in the last five (5) years.
The outcome of any hearing concerning residency held within the last five (5) years.
The credentials of any investigators who have conducted investigations within the last five (5) years,
including but not limited to Richard Bockover, Gregg Wison and Gary Spangler.

Please send the request to gcox@nicgal.com. If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you believe allows for the denial and inform us of the appeal procedures available to us under the law. Also, please provide us with the name, title and address of the person whom the appeal should be sent. We look forward to hearing from you within the allotted by The Act.

**Gregory E. Cox, Partner**

**Website**

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