Hello Mr. Lauterbach,

Please see the District's attached response to your Freedom of Information Act request below. The attached documents are being provided in response to your 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th requests below. Please note that social security number have been redacted. 5 ILCS 140/2, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and 7(1)(c).

With respect to your 2nd request, the District has not maintained copies of documents showing TRS approved Salary Exemption Affidavits from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018. In an attempt to locate such affidavits, the District contacted the former Director of Payroll to ask if such documents were maintained. No documents were located based on direction provided by the former Director. In addition, the current Director of Payroll and four payroll technicians searched the Payroll Department file room. All boxes were opened and examined to ensure the contents matched the labels, and all boxes containing TRS items were searched individually. Also, various individual payroll files were sampled and it was determined no TRS forms were filed in the individual employee files. Also, electronic files, folders and all binders and expansion files maintained in Payroll were examined. Drawers and desks in both the Payroll Office and Manager/ Director office were also searched. Finally, the District's Director of Payroll contacted Jenny Wisdom, the Employer Services Auditor at TRS, who stated that TRS could not provide either a list or copy of any Salary Exemption Affidavits that they may have received/processed.

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
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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16676 (internal)

From: Christina Euhus
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:25 AM
To: 'clauterbach@ilnews.org' <clauterbach@ilnews.org>
Subject: FW: FOIA Request-TRS salary increases in excess of 6 percent

Hello Mr. Lauterbach,

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

_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 June 4, 2018. Thank you.

Chris Euhus
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Hello,

This is a request for records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

As a member of the news media acting in the public interest, I request that fees be waived, and I also request that all records available in an electronic format be delivered electronically. Please email the records I have requested to me at clauterbach@ilnews.org.

I request the following documents:

• Copies of all notifications sent by TRS for an employer contribution due for salary increases in excess of 6 percent or excess sick leave days from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018.

• Copies of any and all documents showing TRS approved Salary Exemption Affidavits from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018.

• Copies of any all documents showing the amount paid to TRS for employer contribution due for salary increases in excess of 6 percent or excess sick leave days from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018.

• Copies of all documents showing the name and title of all employees for which the district
was required to pay an employer contribution to TRS for salary increases in excess of 6 percent or excess sick leave days from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018.

• Copies of documents showing the total amount the district paid to TRS for salary increases in excess of 6 percent or excess sick leave days from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018.

Regards,

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