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April 2, 2019

Ms. Olivia Deloian  
Researcher, NBC5  
454 North Columbus Drive  
Chicago, IL. 60611-5555

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Dear Ms. Deloian:

On March 26, 2019, Crystal Lake School District No. 47 received a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request from you in which you requested the following information:

- Please provide me with documents showing which school buildings in your district each have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements of the ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters (ICC-500) [published jointly by the International Code Council and the National Storm Shelter Association and available at [https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ICC5002014?site\\_type=public](https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ICC5002014?site_type=public)], including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.
- For those school buildings in Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47 that do not have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements described above, please provide me with documents showing how and where the children in each of those school buildings are to be sheltered, in case of a tornado emergency, including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.

Your request is being denied due to exemption 5 ILCS140/7(k) which states Architects' plans, engineers' technical submissions and other construction-related technical documents for projects not constructed or developed in whole or in part with public funds and the same for projects constructed or developed with public funds, including but not limited to power generating and distribution stations and other transmission and distribution facilities, water treatment facilities, airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention centers, and all government owned, operated, or occupied buildings, but only to the extent that disclosure would compromise security.

To the extent you consider this response is a denial to your request, you have the right to have the denial 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 with writing to: Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois 62706; Fax: 217-782-1396, e-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us); Phone: 312-814-5526. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of the denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original

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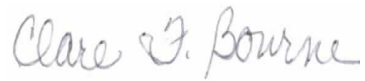
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request for documents and the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 815-788-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare F. Bourne".

Clare F. Bourne  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Crystal Lake School District 47

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Claire Bourne  
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Sent via e-mail to [FOIA@d47.org](mailto:FOIA@d47.org)

Dear Ms. Bourne:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am making this request of more than 350 public school districts in twelve Illinois counties in the greater Chicago area, including Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47, for a news story we are working on at NBC5 about school tornado preparedness.

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Please send all material to me at [olivia.deloian@nbcchicago](mailto:olivia.deloian@nbcchicago). If for some reason you cannot send these records electronically, please contact me so that I can make other arrangements to get these documents from you. And if there is any way at all that I can help you gather this material, I would be most happy to do so.

Because these records are in the public interest, I ask that you waive any reproduction fee. And if you deny this request, please tell me on what grounds, and to whom I should appeal.

If you have any questions concerning this request or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Olivia Deloian  
Researcher, NBC5 Investigates