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**VIA E-MAIL**

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Jennifer Smith Richards  
Chicago Tribune  
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Dear Ms. Cohen and Ms. Richards,

On August 7, 2019, you sent an email request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act seeking records from Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 (“District”). This correspondence serves as the District’s response to your request. Please see below for responses to each specific request.

- Photos sufficient to show the spaces used for Isolated Time Out in your schools or programs. Please include photos that show the inside and the outside of the rooms without identifiable children in them.


**Response: The District does not possess any documents responsive to this request.**

- Floor plans, space utilization plans, schematic renderings or other records that show the layout and dimensions of the ITO spaces within your schools or programs.

**Response: The requested records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7(1)(k) of the Freedom of Information Act since the disclosure of such records would compromise District security.**

In the event your request has been denied, you may appeal this decision to the Illinois Attorney General -Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, 217-558-0486 [[publicaccess\[at\]atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess[at]atg.state.il.us)]. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court for McHenry County, Illinois.

Sincerely,



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

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Sent via email to [foia@d47.org](mailto:foia@d47.org)

Clare Bourne:

In accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois request you provide access to the following records in your organization's possession related to schools or school programs that you operate:

- Photos sufficient to show the spaces used for Isolated Time Out in your schools or programs. Please include photos that show the inside and the outside of the rooms without identifiable children in them.
- Floor plans, space utilization plans, schematic renderings or other records that show the layout and dimensions of the ITO spaces within your schools or programs.

In the unlikely event that you claim any portion of the above public records to be exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140, in writing please (i) identify which portion or portions you claim are exempt and the statutory provision or provisions you contend apply; (ii) set forth the reasons for your conclusion that such portion or portions are exempt; and (iii) release the remainder of such records for inspection and copying, redacting only the portion or portions you claim are exempt.

Please note that statute does not allow your agency to withhold documents in their entirety if only parts of the records may be exempt. Please provide the information within five days, as required by law.

If the records are kept electronically, please provide them that way and e-mail the information to [jrichards@chicagotribune.com](mailto:jrichards@chicagotribune.com) and Jodi Cohen at [Jodi.Cohen@ProPublica.org](mailto:Jodi.Cohen@ProPublica.org).

Thank you,

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