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Dear Mr. Fagg:

On February 9, 2021, we received an email request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) seeking records from Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 ("District 47"). In your FOIA you requested access to and/or a copy of data on reconsideration forms or other forms that challenge library books. For this request, please provide what can be shared of the following:

- The title of the book (or other library resource) being challenged,
  - Seedfolks
- The action requested in such a challenge, and the outcome of such challenges
  - Removed from book list
- Details on the reason for the challenge
  - Content of Chapter 11
- Whether the book (or other library resource) was a part of a curriculum or official program
  - 7th grade book list
- Such data over time, from Jan 2018 up until the most current date at the point of production.
  - Two (2) reconsideration forms received on the same book 12/1/2020 & 12/30/2020
- Such data electronically, ideally in a spreadsheet format.
- Any available information on the challenger
  - Two (2) 7th grade families
- Any other available aggregated data relevant to such challenges

The information provided serves as our fulfillment of the obligation to your request.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

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Thank you,

Jonathan Fagg

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