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August 14, 2018

Ms. Katy Smyser  
NBC tower  
454 N. Columbus Dr.  
Chicago, IL. 60611-5555

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Dear Ms. Smyser:

On August 7, 2018, Crystal Lake School District No. 47 received a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request from you via email dated August 7, 2018, in which you requested the following and requested any files be sent via email:

- Please provide me with records sufficient to show all cases where Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47 paid a plaintiff or plaintiffs -- by verdict, settlement or satisfaction -- as the result of a sexual misconduct or sex/gender discrimination claim, from January 1, 2008 to the present.
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- Sexual misconduct and discrimination claims can include (but are not limited to) allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, statutory rape, indecent exposure, obscenity, forcible sodomy, forcible fondling, disparate impact, retaliation related to sex or gender discrimination or misconduct, Illinois gender violence, and/or other sex- or gender-related allegations.
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- The records should each include a case number; name of party paid; payment amount; fees and costs (if kept separately); the allegations in the case, and the specific department, agency, and/or individual(s) involved in the litigation.
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- The records should also show all money paid to outside counsel in each case, including pending cases and cases with no settlement or judgment. The records should also include information about settlements or payments that did not involve a court of law.
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- In addition, I am requesting all records of separation agreements and/or payments to individuals who stopped working with Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47 after being accused of sexual misconduct, harassment, or sex/gender discrimination.

The District does not have any documents responsive to your request.

To the extent you consider this response 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 by writing to: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street 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 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,

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

300 Commerce Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815.788.5000

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August 7, 2018

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[Crystal Lake, IL](#)

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

Dear Ms. Bourne:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am sending this request to several hundred governmental entities in the Chicago area -- including Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47.

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You can send these records to me at [katy.smyser@nbcuni.com](mailto:katy.smyser@nbcuni.com) . If the records are too large to send via email, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can make other arrangements to get these records from you.

If [\*reference to agency] has had no such claims or payments in the past ten years, please let me know that as well.

Because this request is in the public interest, I ask that you waive all fees. And if you choose to deny any part of this request, please let me know why.

If you have any questions, or if there is any way in which I can help you with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at [katy.smyser@nbcuni.com](mailto:katy.smyser@nbcuni.com), or at my office at 312-836-3187.

Thank you so much for your help with this request.

Sincerely,

Katy Smyser