Via Electronic Mail

Aaron Navarro
Researcher
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RE: FOIA 19-007 Response to FOIA Request

Thank you for writing to Hinsdale Township High School District 86 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., received on August 1 2018.

You requested the following:

For the 2017-2018 school year, an association or other entity that has, as one of its purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among high schools and high school students within this State shall require all member schools that have certified athletic trainers to complete a monthly report on student-athletes at the member school who have sustained a concussion during a school-sponsored activity overseen by the athletic trainer or when the athletic director is made aware of a concussion sustained by a student during a school sponsored event..

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. Please see the enclosed documentation. The District has redacted access codes as “private information.” See 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5); 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). In addition, the District has removed dates, grades and other student identifiers to protect against any invasion of students’ privacy as provided under the Illinois School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.; the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; their implementing rules and regulations; and FOIA exemptions 7(1)(a), 7(1)(c) & 7.5(r). See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a), 7(1)(c) & 7.5(r).

You have a right to have the partial denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the 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
Email: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9/5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of any denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

As the District’s FOIA Officer, I am responsible for the District’s response to your FOIA request. This letter and enclosures are intended to be fully responsive to your specific request. If I have misunderstood your request in any way, please clarify the request in writing to me.

Sincerely,
FOIA Officer
Hinsdale Township High School District 86
630.655.6100
FOIA-Officer@hinsdale86.org
FOIA Log
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https://center.ihsa.org/go/schools-center-new/reports-concussion.asp
July 31, 2018

Ms. Mary O'Rourke O'Rourke
Administrative Assistant and FOIA Officer
Hinsdale Township High School District 86
5500 South Grant Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521-4578

Sent via e-mail to: FOIA-Officer@hinsdale86.org

Re: Freedom of Information Act request from NBC5 Chicago

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am sending this request to public and charter school districts throughout the Chicago area.

Last year my colleague at NBC5 Investigates, Tim Johns, made a similar request to you, based on documents that are required as part of Public Act 099-0831, which says in part:

“Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, an association or other entity that has, as one of its purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic competition among high schools and high school students within this State shall require all member schools that have certified athletic trainers to complete a monthly report on student-athletes at the member school who have sustained a concussion during a school-sponsored activity overseen by the athletic trainer or when the athletic director is made aware of a concussion sustained by a student during a school-sponsored event. All reporting must be anonymous as it relates to student names.”

In response to our request last year, your district was kind enough to respond with all monthly reports (if any) prepared and/or submitted by all schools and/or departments within Hinsdale Township High School District 86 relating to student athletes who sustained concussions during the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you for that response.

We are now updating this story with another year’s worth of reports of concussions, and so I am requesting that you now provide me with reports for the 2017-2018 school year.
Please send all requested documentation to me at aaron.navarro@nbcsni.com. If for some reason you are not able to send these documents via e-mail, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can make other arrangements to get this material from you. And if there is any way in which I can help you with this request, I would be 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 at aaron.navarro@nbcsni.com or at 312-836-5804. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Aaron Navarro
Researcher
NBC5 Chicago