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Dear Sutman,

I am in receipt of your Freedom of Information Request (FOIA), which was emailed by you and received by me on Friday, June 23, 2023. Decatur Public School's response was due Friday, June 30, 2023. On Friday, June 30, 2023, the District extended the time for a response by five business days to Monday, July 10, 2023. **Please note: Tuesday, July 04, 2023 is a holiday and District offices were closed.** The FOIA request asked for the following:

Subject: FOIA Request Under Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I request:

1. Documents and communications related to the following meetings. I expect a list of attendees, meeting agendas & packets, meeting minutes, audio and video recordings, emails, text messages, memos, chats during the meeting, and any questionnaires or surveys.
 - a. Monday June 19th Webinar meeting regarding the Dennis Schools.
This should include questions submitted by staff via a question box that was temporarily available as well as the times the question box was available for staff input. This should also include any recordings or notes taken prior to the start of the meeting, and the time each host & attendee joined and exited the webinar.
Response: See the attached documents titled, "Dennis Staff Mtg Attendee Report 06.19.23 and Dennis Staff Mtg Q&A Report 06.19.23."
 - b. Faculty meetings with Dennis Staff for October 24th, 2022; November 2, 2022; February 7, 2023; March 7, 2023; April 17, 2023;
Response: There are no documents responsive to this request.
2. All communications related to the Dennis Structural issues (both buildings) between June 1 2022 and June 23, 2023.
 - a. This should include but is not limited to: emails, text messages, facebook messages, phone call records, video call records, and any other communications. This should include all communications with BFW Engineering and Klingner & Associates between September, 2022 and June 22, 2023. This should also include communications regarding purchase orders and contracts. This should include communications with media, including FOIA request & responses to FOIA requests. This should include communications with Kent Metzger's "maintenance foreman and mason," whom he referenced in a May 26th email. This should include emails of administration. This should include emails to and from members of the public expressing opinion or asking questions. Search terms for emails should include "Dennis", "French", "Structural", "Structure", "stair", "parapet", "deteriorate", "mosaic", "kaleidoscope", "damage".
This request is NOT limited to the search terms I provided.
Response: See attached document titled, "Emails Dennis, BFW, Klingner 06.01.22-06.23.23. There are no other documents responsive to this request.
3. All documents related to the Dennis Structural issues.

- a. This should include, but is not limited to: purchase orders for any related work, findings from structural inspections performed by BFW, any documentation from Klingner other than the detailed reports released online, as well as any contracts for work from these or other firms.

Response: This information can be found via our website as follows:

www.dps61.org ~ Once on DPS's home page, click the link on the right of our two Dennis campuses that says "click here to read structural analysis, timeline and next steps" or by entering the following link:

<https://engage.dps61.org/dennisfuture>

4. For both Dennis buildings: Documents and repair records and work records related to the 2013 10-year HLS Surveys, and 2023 annual HLS Surveys performed by the regional superintendent's office for both buildings. As the 10-year surveys are available online, I do not need those.

Response: See the attached documents titled, "Dennis Kaleidoscope 2023 HLS with ROE and Dennis Mosaic 2023 HLS with ROE. There are no other documents responsive to this request.

5. Documents related to inspections and repairs detailed in the Klingner inspections. These should include:
 - a. Dennis: "previous concerns of the basement slab and foundation had led to others drilling two small exploratory holes in the basement floor slab below the lowest portion of the north stair,"
 - b. Dennis: "an [8 inch] steel W-beam was added at some time in the past"
 - c. Dennis: "added brick support pedestals on the east and west ends,"
 - d. Dennis: "it is possible that the columns were added at some time in the past as a repair attempt"
 - e. Dennis: "someone has had to cut the door down to reduce the door height by up to 1" to "allow the doors to be able to swing open."
 - f. French: Previous tuckpointing of mortar joints in the area inspected by Klingner
 - g. French: "The inside face of parapet appears to have been coated and painted to attempt to prevent moisture infiltration of the parapet,"
 - h. French: "A few locations of pocketed roof framing on the south end were observed to have steel straps or shims added in an attempt to prevent the wood framing from pulling out of the pocket"
 - i. French: "Previous attempts to sister some of the water deteriorated roof joists was observed near the north wall bearing."

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Respectfully submitted,



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