

Ideas for DPS61 Transparency

This is a brief overview of some ideas for how to ensure future transparency with the Decatur Public School District and how to improve transparency with regard to the Dennis Lab Structural Issues. These ideas are not vetted, and may or may not be viable.

Ideas:

- Passing a law that requires immediate (1-2 days) public disclosure of contract proposals received by the district
- Passing a law that requires immediate (1-2 days) disclosure of requests for any safety-related inspections
- Passing a law requiring constant publishing of purchase order requests & approvals (such as the one Metzger mentioned on April 4th)
- Advocate for a forthcoming explanation answering all the unanswered questions I posed, as well as documents related to those questions
- A sunshine law requiring DPS to allow journalists first-hand access to government information & emails, while requiring FOIA officer review prior to releasing publicly.
- Advocate for the district to conduct a full investigation into the process surrounding this particular issue, with findings and documents and communications being released publicly at the end of investigation.
- Write-up a disciplinary record of any wrongdoing discovered during investigations, naming DPS staff (and/or board members) who failed to act appropriately.
- Investigate and write-up a public record of BFW's performance in regard to the scheduling of the inspection & whether there was any misconduct on BFW's part.
- Ask the District to establish an Accountability and Transparency center through which the media and the public can get access to publicly released information otherwise described here.
- Ask the district for full disclosure of all documents related to this issue (proposals, purchase orders, communications).
- Organize with others concerned about transparency and accountability, with the purpose of advocacy and/or publishing things in a more timely manner.
- Investigate some of [my remaining questions](#), and share your findings.