



July 10, 2023

Gene Koprowski

RE: FOIA Request

Mr. Koprowski:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the college on June 23, 2023, via electronic mail for the following records:

- "1. Documents demonstrating whether Richard Ross (the former pizza boy and former car wash dude) is still employed at Parkland.
- 2. A copy of the employee ID card photo of Mr. Ross.
- 3. Interview notes from Brian Morgan's job interview last September with Richard Ross; and any and all e-mails exchanged by Morgan and Ross from August 2022 through December 2022 which are archived on the college's email server."

On June 29, the college informed you we would extend the response period by five business days pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(e), with a new response deadline of July 10, 2023.

Your response has been granted in part and denied in part. I have attached a .PDF totaling 16 pages that is partially responsive to your request, with the following notes and exemptions.

- 1. Included in the .PDF is documentation verifying Mr. Ross' employment.
- 2. We are withholding Mr. Ross' employee ID card photo pursuant to exemptions 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and (c), which exempts from disclosure private information, including biometric identifiers and information "in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information."
- 3. The college does not have in its possession notes from an interview between Mr. Morgan and Mr. Ross. The requested email correspondence has been attached, with information such as personal email addresses redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b).

As the college's Freedom of Information Act Officer, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response 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



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You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. $5 \times 140/11$.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Stuart

FOIA Officer

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