

April 27, 2020

Toni Pitts
[REDACTED]

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Pitts:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) dated April 20, 2020, received in my office at 8:15 p.m. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested that the College make available the following records:

“From the emails of the following individuals:

Professor Rochelle Harden,
Professor Matthew Hurt,
Dean of Learning Support Derrick Baker,

I request any and all email messages, sent and received, and any other correspondence that references, mentions or refers to me: Toni Pitts, [REDACTED] from the time of January 1, 2020 until April 20, 2020.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The College has attached a PDF containing the responsive documents. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f), some of the email correspondence requested is exempt from disclosure. This provision of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act explicitly exempts “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated.” Sixty-two such records were determined to be deliberative or preliminary in nature and are, thus, exempt.

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, 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
500 South 2nd Street

Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 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
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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