

July 13, 2022

Juliana Liffick

RE: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Liffick:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your commercial Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received July 11, 2022, via electronic mail for the following records:

“4 weeks ago on Wednesday June 15th I was seen grabbing a pulling a child back into my classroom after she had ran out of the room while I was putting art projects on the windows outside my room. Adrienne and I spoke about my behavior and I said I shouldn't have done that and we went over what I should have done instead. Thursday morning, she contacted me and told me I wasn't allowed back at pcdc because DCFS got involved and she had to review the security footage.”

Parkland College's Response:

While records are presumed to be open for public inspection, the Illinois Freedom of Information Act outlines specific exemptions that are grounds for denial. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(i), the college is withholding the requested video because the release of such footage would “interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings.” While this constitutes a denial of your request, the college will retain a copy of the requested file should it be needed as part of future proceedings.

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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