

April 9, 2021

Dennis Toeppen

RE: FOIA Request

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Toeppen:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received Monday, March 29, 2021, via electronic mail. On April 5, the college sent you a letter via email and extended the response time order to review a large volume of potentially responsive documents.

Request:

“For the period March 15, 2020 to July 1, 2020

All communications from external parties related to "ransomware" attack or similar, which caused disruption to substantial portion of Parkland College computer systems, including but not limited to, Cobra.

Demand(s) for payment received from external parties, related to disruption of Parkland College computer systems, including but not limited to, Cobra.

Evidence, such as check stubs, ledger entries, etc., of any payments made in order to restore computer services.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The college has attached two .PDF files that are responsive to points one and three of your request. They include:

- Email correspondence with the News-Gazette
- Parkland Board of Trustees Ratification of Transaction with Insurers – May 18, 2020

The college is denying your request for additional correspondence, demand for payment from an external party, and check stubs and ledger entries pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

“The Mission of Parkland College is to engage the community in learning.”



- 140/7(1)(s) that exempts from disclosure “Insurance or self insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications.”
- 140/7(1)(v) that exempts from disclosure “Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations.”

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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