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Date: September 21, 2020 at 2:49:21 PM CDT
To: "kkopta@pennoyerschool.org" <kkopta@pennoyerschool.org>
Subject: FOIA request

Ms. Kopta,

On February 7, 2020, our partners at Kirkland & Ellis submitted a FOIA request to you under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140 et seq. To date, we have not received a complete response for this request. A copy of the original letter outlining the documents we are interested in receiving is attached.

Of note, although we are aware that your district may have already updated the requested documents in compliance with the new regulations released by the Department of Education, we are interested in receiving the Title IX policy, procedures, and other related documents that were in effect on February 7, 2020.

Please send a response to this request by the close of business on September 28, 2020. If we do not receive a complete response by this date, we will pursue our legal options to ensure compliance with the Illinois FOIA law.

If there are any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. We hope to resolve this matter efficiently and effectively.

Sincerely,

Nina Terebessy (She, Her, Hers)
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Fwd: FOIA request

Kristin Kopta <kkopta@pennoyerschool.org> Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 8:54 PM
To: Nina Terebessy <nterebessy@legalaidchicago.org>, Jill Rzadzki <jrzadzki@pennoyerschool.org>

Hello Ms. Terebessy,

I just did a search for your past request in my email and could not find it.
This email serves as our acknowledgment of your FOIA request.
We will process this current request under the FOIA law and guidelines.

Sincerely,
Kristin A. Kopta, Ed.D
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February 7, 2020

Via Email: kkopta@pennoyerschool.org

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Chief FOIA Officer
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Re: Freedom of Information Request (FOIA)

Dear Dr. Kopta:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS § 140/2, we are requesting “public records” that pertain to Pennoyer School District’s grievance procedures for responding to complaints of sexual harassment (which includes but is not limited to sexual assault) and gender-based discrimination, as well as Pennoyer School District’s anti-discrimination policy.

More specifically, we request: (i) a copy of Pennoyer School District’s current anti-harassment and/or anti-discrimination policy; (ii) copies of all documents outlining Pennoyer School District’s current procedures for responding to sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination, including both peer sexual harassment and discrimination and sexual harassment and discrimination between district employees and students; (iii) copies of any other documents or guidelines that impact the application and enforcement of these policies and procedures; and (iv) the name and contact information of Pennoyer School District’s designated Title IX coordinator.

Finally, this request is submitted to assist our office in accessing and disseminating meaningful information about the legal rights of the general public in relation to Pennoyer School District’s compliance with Title IX and associated state law. A waiver of fees is in the public interest pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/6(c).

Please direct all responses to the undersigned. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Dr. Kristin Kopta
February 7, 2020
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karyn M. Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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