

February 9, 2024

SUBMITTED VIA ETHS DISTRICT 202 FOIA REQUEST PORTAL

Mr. David Futransky
ETHS District 202 FOIA Officer
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Dear Mr. Futransky:

I write to request copies of public records pursuant to the disclosure requirements of 5 ILCS 140 (“Freedom of Information Act”). I do not represent a commercial interest or for-profit organization, and disclosure of the records will help inform the public about important policies of Evanston Township High School District 202 (“ETHS District 202”) with regard to racial affinity classes and review of these classes by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (“OCR”). ETHS District 202 is a qualifying public body under Illinois’s Freedom of Information Act statutory provisions.

Please produce copies of the following records at your earliest convenience: All communications and correspondence (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, texts, letters. Memoranda, and virtual meeting recordings) between ETHS District 202 personnel (identified below) and OCR officials (identified below) from April 30, 2023, through the time the search is conducted, including but not limited to communications regarding the following ETHS District 202 course offerings:

1. 2 English, 2023–24 Course Request Code ENA2EN
2. 2 Algebra, 2023–24 Course Request Code MA0262
3. Precalculus, 2023–24 Course Request Code MA0512
4. AP Calculus AB, 2023–24 Course Request Code MA0515
5. Precalculus, 2023–24 Course Request Code MA0562
6. AP Calculus AB, 2023–24 Course Request Code MA0565

Possible ETHS District 202 Custodians of the Requested Communication Records

The search for records should include communications between any ETHS District 202 personnel and OCR; however, records are particularly likely to include communications with the following ETHS District 202 personnel:

1. Any person using an email address ending in @eths202.org
2. ETHS District 202 Director of Equity Ganae McAlpin

3. ETHS District 202 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Pete Bavis
4. ETHS District 202 Associate Principal, Instruction & Literacy, Kiwana
Brown
5. ETHS District 202 Superintendent Marcus A. Campbell
6. ETHS District 202 Assistant Superintendent/Principal Taya Kinzie
7. ETHS District 202 Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Scott
Bramley
8. ETHS District 202 Director of Communications Takumi Iseda
9. ETHS District 202 Associate Principal, Student Services, Mia Lavizzo
10. ETHS District 202 Associate Principal, Educational Services, Keith A.
Robinson

Office for Civil Rights (U.S. Department of Education) Personnel

The search for records should include communications between ETHS District 202 personnel (see above) and any OCR personnel; however, records are particularly likely to include communications with the following OCR personnel:

1. Any person using the email address OCR@ed.gov
2. Any person using the email address OCR.Chicago@ed.gov
3. OCR Chicago Regional Office Supervisory Attorney Marcela Sánchez
Aguilar—also styled Marcela Sánchez-Aguilar
4. OCR Chicago Regional Office Attorney Christopher Farrelly
5. Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine Lhamon
6. OCR Chief of Staff Sam Ames
7. OCR Confidential Assistant Hannah Zack
8. OCR Confidential Assistant Taron Henton
9. OCR Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Monique Dixon
10. OCR Director, Program Legal Group, Alejandro Reyes
11. OCR Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs Seth Galanter
12. OCR Senior Counsel Alice Abrokwa
13. OCR Senior Counsel Jady Hsin
14. OCR Senior Counsel Adaku Onyeka-Crawford
15. OCR Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach
Suzanne Goldberg
16. OCR Director, OPEN Center, Heather Gunnarson
17. OCR Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Planning Trina
Shields
18. OCR Executive Officer Anna Kasior
19. OCR Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Randolph Wills
20. OCR Enforcement Director Meena Morey Chandra

21. OCR Enforcement Director Melanie Velez
22. OCR Senior Legal Advisor Mia Karvonides
23. OCR Enforcement Director Emily McCarthy
24. OCR Senior Counsel Sherrell Evans
25. OCR Senior Counsel William McCants
26. OCR Senior Counsel Joshua Schopf
27. OCR Special Assistant Rafael Hernandez

The provision of these records is in the public interest because they relate to matters of ETHS District 202's racial affinity classes, which are of particular interest to the public as they involve important matters of official policies impacting all ETHS District 202 students, teachers, and taxpayers. As noted, I do not represent a commercial or for-profit organization, and this request is not made for the benefit of a commercial or for-profit entity.

If I can further assist you regarding this request, please let me know at your earliest convenience. Please also let me know if the anticipated copying costs may exceed \$250.00. If possible, please provide the requested documents electronically to my email address, included below.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please contact me as needed for any clarification.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Zimmerman
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