

## **FOIA Request**

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Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 1:58 PM

Name: Ted Novak

Non Commercial Use.

For the following members

Sam Palazzo, President - Term 2019-2023

Frank Tribuzio, Vice-President - Term 2019-2023

Renzo Berardi, Secretary - Term 2021-2023

Molly Dec, Board Member - Term 2021-2025

Maria Lala, Board Member - Term 2021-2025

Lou Mezzano, Board Member - Term 2019-2023

Christopher Monson, Board Member - Term 2021-2025

Or any other Elected/Leadership personal.

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). I request that an Electronic copy of the following documents be provided to me:

A electronic copy of your Public Official Surety Bond required by Illinois (15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203).

A electronic copy of the governing board of education blanket surety bond if your board requires the members to be bonded under a blanket bond.

A electronic copy of your Errors & Omissions (E&O), a Surety Liability Insurance policy, and the Duty of Care policy if applicable.

A electronic copy of your school board General Obligation Bonds if applicable.

A electronic copy of your general long term bond for the school board if applicable.

A electronic copy of your school board Crime Policy if applicable.

A electronic copy of your Risk Management Policy if applicable.

A electronic copy of the following documents if applicable:

ACORD 125

ACORD 126

ACORD 127

ACORD 128

The documents should indicate the policy number and the insured amount of the policy.

A electronic copy of the Certificate of Liability if applicable.

Public Officials and/or any other bonds pertaining to proof of liability and policies. \*\*Based on any and all loses of financial responsibility due to negligence or dishonesty. Any and all based on the contract of terms and conditions.

A electronic copy of the Faithful Performance Bond if applicable.

A electronic copy of the Fidelity Bond if applicable.

A electronic copy of the Public Employee Dishonesty Policy if applicable.

A electronic copy of the Public Employee Blanket Bond if applicable.

A electronic copy of the Statutory Bond if applicable.

A electronic copy of the Official Bond if applicable.

A electronic copy of the power of attorney for the surety bond company.

A electronic copy of the Blanket Bond power of attorney for the surety bond company if applicable.

A electronic copy of your oath of office.

I am a private citizen seeking information concerning your public official surety bond, or the Errors & Omissions (E&O), and or the Duty of Care policy that you are required by the state of Illinois to obtain before swearing the oath of office.

(15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203) Sec. 3. Oath and Bond: Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, the Comptroller shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by Article XIII, Section 3 of the constitution and shall give bond payable to the People of the State of Illinois in the sum of \$1,000,000 by inclusion in the blanket bond or bonds or self-insurance program provided for in Sections 14.1 and 14.2 of the Official Bond Act. The bond shall be conditioned (i) on the faithful discharge of the Comptroller's duties, (ii) on the delivery of all papers, books, records, and other property appertaining to his or her office, whole, safe, and undefaced, to the successor in office, and (iii) on the Comptroller giving such additional bonds as may be legally required.

Public Official Surety Bond requests fall under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), and by law you are obligated to supply me with this information.

It is public knowledge in the State of Illinois that all school boards in the state and the superintendents are required to be bonded, carry an surety liability insurance policy, an Errors & Omissions, or a Duty of Care policy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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## Norridge School District 80

8151 W. Lawrence Avenue Norridge, Illinois 60706 708-583-2068

Inspiring Educational Excellence in a Nurturing Environment

March 4, 2022

Mr. Novak, Foia@raim.org

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Novak:

On February 24, 2022, the School District 80 FOI Officer received your Freedom of Information Act request dated the same day. Please be advised that 5 U.S.C. 552b, which you reference as "The Sunshine Act," applies only to agencies of the federal government, not state governments or units of local government within the states. However, the School District is responding to your request pursuant to applicable Illinois law, specifically the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

Request #1: A electronic copy of your Public Official Surety Bond required by Illinois (15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203).

**Response:** The School District does not have any records responsive to this request. The State Comptroller Act (15 ILCS 405/1, et seq.) does not apply to public school districts.

**Request #2:** A electronic copy of the governing board of education blanket surety bond if your board requires the members to be bonded under a blanket bond.

**Response:** The School District does not have any records responsive to this request. Illinois law and Board policy do not require such a bond.

Request #3: A electronic copy of your Errors & Omissions (E&O), a Surety Liability Insurance policy, and the Duty of Care policy if applicable.

**Response:** Enclosed is a copy of the School District's School Board Legal Liability and Commercial General Liability policies, and the Treasurer's Bond. The School District does not have a "Surety Liability Insurance" policy or a "Duty of Care" policy.

**Request #4:** A electronic copy of your school board General Obligation Bonds if applicable.

**Response:** The School District assumes this request is seeking "General Obligations Bonds" in the context of liability insurance policies. To the extent that assumption is correct, the School District does not have records responsive to this request. The School

District has issued General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing revenue to the School District, as opposed to liability protection. Copies of the records related to revenue bonds can be found at the following weblink:

https://emma.msrb.org/issuerHomePage/State?state=IL.

Request #5: A electronic copy of your general long-term bond for the school board if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

Request #6: A electronic copy of your school Board Crime Policy if applicable.

Response: Enclosed is a copy of the School District's Crime and Fidelity Policy.

Request #7: A electronic copy of your Risk Management Policy if applicable.

**Response:** The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

Request #8: A electronic copy of the following records if applicable: ACORD 125, ACORD 126, ACORD

127, ACORD 128.

**Response:** The School District does not have any records responsive to this request. ACORD records simply evidence coverage contained in insurance policies, copies of which have been provided to you in response to this request.

**Request #9:** A electronic copy of the Certificate of Liability if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

Request #10: Public Officials and/or any other bonds pertaining to proof of liability and policies.

\*\*Based on any and all loses of financial responsibility due to negligence or dishonesty.

Any and all based on the contract of terms and conditions.

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the Treasurer's Bond.

**Request #11:** A electronic copy of the Faithful Performance bond if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

**Request #12:** A electronic copy of the Fidelity Bond if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

Request #13: A electronic copy of the Public Employee Dishonesty Policy if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

**Request #14:** A electronic copy of the Public Employee Blanket Bond if applicable.

**Response:** The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

**Request #15:** A electronic copy of the Statutory Bond if applicable:

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

**Request #16:** A electronic copy of the Official Bond if applicable.

Response: The School District does not have any records responsive to this request.

Request #17: A electronic copy of the power of attorney for the surety bond company.

Response: Enclosed is a copy of the School District's treasurer bond.

Request #18: A electronic copy of the Blanket Bond power of attorney for the surety bond company if

applicable.

Response: The School District does not have records responsive to this request.

Request #19: A electronic copy of your oath of office.

Response: Board members do not sign an oath of office form. A copy of the oath

of office for board members can be found at the following weblink:

https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=norridge\_80

To the extent your request has been denied by the District FOI Officer, you may appeal this decision to the Illinois Attorney General - Public Access Counselor: 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: 1-877-299-FOIA or (1-877-299-3642), Fax: (217) 782-1396, E-mail: <a href="mailto:public.access@ilag.gov">public.access@ilag.gov</a>. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court for Cook County, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bushik

Norridge School District 80 FOI Officer