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Date: Thu, May 9, 2019 at 5:55 PM
Subject: Public Information Request – Current Transportation Contract(s)
To: crispine@wilmette39.org <crispine@wilmette39.org>

Hello,

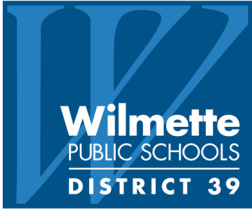
Hope this email finds you well.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we would like to place an FOIA request for Wilmette Public School District 39's all the current Direct Home-to-School transportation vendor contracts and Special Needs transportation vendor contracts (with the pricing), for research purposes.

Please let me know if any further information is required. Thank you so much for your help and have a great day!

Best,

Sameer S



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May 14, 2019

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Dear Mr. Sameer S.:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received May 9, 2019. Your request was that the following information be provided for Wilmette Public Schools, District 39:

...all the current Direct Home-to-School transportation vendor contracts and Special Needs transportation vendor contracts (with the pricing), for research purposes.

In response, we have attached the current contracts for both regular and special education transportation. The pricing for each contract is available on the District's Board of Education meeting information web page. The regular education transportation pricing may be found in February 27, 2017 meeting packet:

http://www.wilmette39.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_360846/File/Board%20of%20Ed/PublicPacket/2017-02-27/IX-A-3-Reg%20Transp%20Contract.pdf

The special education transportation pricing may be found in the March 19, 2018 meeting packet:

http://www.wilmette39.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_360846/File/Board%20of%20Ed/PublicPacket/2018-03-19/IX-A-3-SPED%20Student%20Transportation%20Contract%20180319.pdf

If you have any questions pertaining to our response to your request, please contact me at Wilmette Public Schools, District 39, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois 60091.

Sincerely,

Ellen Crispino
FOIA Officer

**APPENDIX 6
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 27th day of February, 2017, by and between the Board of Education of Wilmette Public Schools, District 39, Cook County, Illinois ("District"), and North Shore Transit, Inc. ("Contractor") (collectively referred hereto as "the parties").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, District has requested public bids for the provision of student transportation services ("Work"); and

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WHEREAS, District has awarded this Contract to Contractor to provide bus transportation in accordance with the bid specifications package.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Duration of Contract.** The Contract shall be effective from August 1, 2017, and shall continue in force and effect through the end of the District's summer school program in 2020. The District and Contractor may mutually agree in writing to exercise up to two (2) one-year extensions of this Contract in writing prior to the expiration of this Contract or any extension hereof. Any extension of this Contract shall be on the same terms and conditions as the original term.

2. **Termination of Contract.** The District shall have the right to terminate this Contract for convenience at the end of any school year by giving written notice to the Contractor no later than April 1 of the school year at the end of which service will terminate. Termination for cause by either party is permitted only after the breaching party is provided notice of the breach and has not cured the breach within 7 days of receipt of said notice.

3. **Contract Documents.** The documents comprising the entirety of this Contract are the Invitation to Bid, including Publication Notice, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Specifications, Bid Specifications Attachments, Appendix, Bid Proposal, this Transportation Services Contract, any addenda and Contractor's proposal and certifications, as well as any written material clarifications provided to all Bidders.

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6. **Complete Understanding.** This Agreement sets forth all of the promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof, and no other

promises, agreements, or understandings, whether oral or written, expressed or implied, exist between the parties.

7. **Amendments.** No subsequent alteration, amendment, change, addition, deletion, or modification to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto unless reduced to writing and duly authorized and signed by each of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the 27th day of February, 2017.

CONTRACTOR:
North Shore Transit, Inc.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
DISTRICT 39,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

By: Thomas M. O'Sullivan
Thomas M. O'Sullivan
Its: Vice President, Contracts & Bids

By: Alice D. Schaff
Alice D. Schaff
Its: President
President

Dated: _____

Dated: 2/27/17

ATTEST

By: Raymond E. Lechin
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Its: Secretary
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8. **Governing Law and Venue.** Should there be a need for litigation relating to the Contract, the laws governing the Contract shall be the laws of the State of Illinois. The appropriate venue for any litigation shall be Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the 19th day of March, 2018.

Contractor:
North Shore Transit

By: Thomas M. O'Sullivan
Thomas M. O'Sullivan,
Vice President, Contracts & Bids

**Board of Education of
Wilmette Public Schools,
District 39, Cook County, Illinois:**

By: [Signature]

FOIA REQUEST

***Note to Requester: Retain a copy of this request for your files. If you eventually need to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor, you will need to submit a copy of your FOIA request. ***

Name and Address of Public Body Receiving Request: ConstructCo111 W. Washington Ave Suite
1700 Chicago, IL 60602

Date Requested: 5/2/2019

Request Submitted By: E-mail U.S. Mail Fax In Person

Name of Requester: Beth Fitzpatrick

Street Address: same as above

City/State/County Zip (required): _____

Telephone (Optional): 770-849-6460 E-mail (Optional): beth.fitzpatrick@constructconnect.c

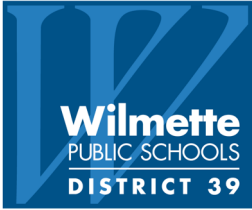
Fax (Optional): _____

Records Requested: **Provide as much specific detail as possible so the public body can identify the information that you are seeking. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.*

Copies of the bid tabulation or selected contractor list for the Harper Elementary School bid on 4/4/2019

Do you want copies of the documents? YES or NO yes
--Do you want Electronic Copies or Paper Copies? electronic
--If you want Electronic Copies, in what format? pdf

Is this request for a Commercial Purpose? YES or NO Yes
(It is a violation of the Freedom of Information Act for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose, if requested to do so by the public body. 5 ILCS 140.3.1(c)).



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May 7, 2019

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Beth Fitzpatrick
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Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received May 2, 2019. Your request was that the following information be provided for Wilmette Public Schools, District 39:

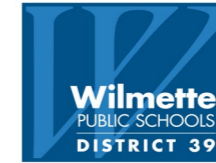
Copies of the bid tabulation or selected contractor list for the Harper Elementary School bid on April 4, 2019.

In response, we have provided the complete April 4, 2019 bid tabulation for the Harper Elementary School addition and renovation project.

If you have any questions pertaining to our response to your request, please contact me at Wilmette Public Schools, District 39, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois 60091.

Sincerely,

Ellen Crispino
FOIA Officer



Harper Elementary School - Addition and Renovations - Bid Tabulation

BID PACKAGE #1 - Site Work & Concrete

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
Riemer Engineering	✓	✓	\$820,241.00						
Cibulka Concrete Construction	✓	✓	\$863,400.00						
Albrecht Enterprises	✓	✓	\$807,000.00						
Eagle Concrete	✓	✓	\$837,500.00						

BID PACKAGE #2 - Masonry

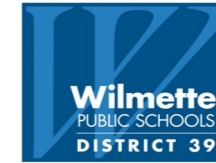
Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
Strucxc	✓	✓	\$343,500.00						
Midwest Masonry	✓	✓	\$416,000.00						
A. Horn	✓	✓	\$333,600.00						
J&E Duff	✓	✓	\$308,317.00						
JAC Masonry	✓	✓	\$340,400.00						

BID PACKAGE #3 - Structural & Miscellaneous Steel

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
M&I Steel	✓	✓	\$109,150.00						
S.G. Krauss	✓	✓	\$119,000.00						
McKinney	✓	✓	\$73,221.00						

BID PACKAGE #4 - General Trades

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
R.B. Construction	✓	✓	\$580,000.00						
Hargrave	✓	✓	\$409,450.00						
Monarch Construction	✓	✓	\$385,400.00						
Manusos	✓	✓	\$477,007.00						



Harper Elementary School - Addition and Renovations - Bid Tabulation

BID PACKAGE #5 - Roofing

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
Bennett & Brosseau Roofing	✓	✓	\$148,700.00						
Olsson Roofing	✓	✓	\$132,625.00						
Elens & Maichin	✓	✓	\$164,520.00						
L. Marshall Roofing	✓	✓	\$122,348.00						

BID PACKAGE #6 - Aluminum & Glazing

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
Madden Glass	✓	✓	\$253,500.00						
Rock Valley Glass	✓	✓	\$211,400.00						
Krull Windows	✓	✓	\$194,467.00						

BID PACKAGE #7 - Framing & Drywall, Acoustical, Painting & Flooring

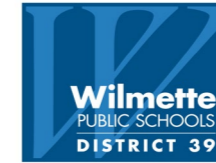
Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
R.B. Construction	✓	✓	\$506,000.00					-\$5,500.00	
E&K of Chicago	✓	✓	\$464,400.00					-\$5,500.00	
Monarch Construction	✓	✓	\$419,000.00					-\$6,500.00	
Hargrave	✓	✓	\$409,450.00					-\$6,500.00	

BID PACKAGE #8 - Fire Protection

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
Nelson Fire Protection	✓	✓	\$35,714.00						
C.L. Doucette	✓	✓	\$37,300.00						

BID PACKAGE #9 - Plumbing

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
DeFranco Plumbing	✓	✓	\$198,200.00						
CF Bruckner	✓	✓	\$172,990.00						
Hartwig Plumbing & Heating	✓	✓	\$185,000.00						



BID PACKAGE #10 - HVAC

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3	Alternate 4	Alternate 5	Alternate 6
AMI	✓	✓	\$534,000.00	\$107,000.00		\$104,500.00			\$13,000.00
Amber Mechanical	✓	✓	\$525,000.00	\$97,475.00	\$102,000.00	\$95,000.00			\$5,000.00
DeKalb Mechanical	✓	✓	\$514,500.00	\$97,475.00	\$102,000.00	\$92,500.00			\$4,000.00

BID PACKAGE #11 - Electrical

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add. 1 & 2	Base Bid	Alternate A-1	Alternate A-2	Alternate A-3	Alternate A-4	Alternate B-1	Alternate B-2
Argon	✓	✓	\$374,000.00						
Prposect Electric	✓	✓	\$389,000.00						
Carey Electric	✓	✓	\$410,400.00						
Shoreline Electric	✓	✓	\$403,500.00						

Michael Day
501 N. Central
Chicago, Il. 60644

Feb 3, 2017,

To: Wilmette School District 39,

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act I am requesting the following information as

Records:

A. for non-substitute teacher positions (position would mean that the position was actually a regular teacher position being filled for a length of time more then a day to day assignment), but those(where the district had hired a substitute teacher with the intention or result that he was one, and worked as a substitute teacher) which were full-time lasting two months or more, where one person took the position or it was intended that one person was to take the position, and those where the position required a teacher certificate or license (this would be referring to the word teacher below) (including records of that person was a substitute teacher in the position below), and not just a substitute license, including administrators, nurses, ect, in this state of Illinois, documents as follow;

For each of the school year 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015-2016, 2016- 2017

1. The full names of teachers, salaries at hiring and the positions/fields for which they were hired in, such in a final writing and listing of the matters and not a complies list for this request.
2. Full names of all persons applying for the positions and applications' first page (can redact necessary material (too personal as under the law) and with the application number for those who applied to work in the school year- records or part of the application showing the day on which the application was made. There an assumption that applications made before Jan 1, was not for the school year to start after the current school year in which the application was made; however this does not apply to substitute teachers where they were applying to a position such as in A (although they were applying to a regular teaching position also)
3. All Emails and letters memo, etc., (even though they may be duplicative) from board managers, including department heads, board members to the persons showing his or her name, hired for the school year (to start) advising them that they have been selected for an interview and other persons who had been selected for an interview and not been hired, with the dates of the emails, letters also.
4. All Emails, memo to persons who were interviewed but not hired for all position becoming open requiring a teacher including as in A.

5. Copies of all letters memos, emails and other records of tell them they were not hiring for the year(each above) to all persons who were not hired for the positions and not interviewed.

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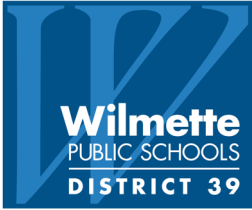
7. Names of all persons in any focus group or any other group including their titles and departments were such persons would decide who to be hired and discuss their qualifications and lack thereof, and all notes, memos ,email, records of such determination and discussions show what was discussed and various specific points discussed.

8. A certification by someone having experience with the documents stating such and the records are true under oath and a showing of that experience.

4/29/19

Dear Superintendent of Education,
president of Board of Education
Wilmette school DIST 39,

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requested here, This is an appeal,
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May 8, 2019

Michael Day
501 N. Central
Chicago, IL 60644
Sent via USPS as both 1st class mail and certified mail

Dear Mr. Day:

The District received your correspondence dated April 29, 2019 via regular mail on May 3, 2019. The correspondence is a copy of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 3, 2017, that was sent to the District. On the last page of the copy, which you dated 4/29/19, you wrote,

“Dear Superintendent of Education, President of the Board of Education Wilmette School Dist. 39, I have not received the records requested here. This is an appeal. Please send the records.”

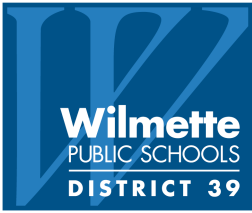
Please be advised that there is no such appeal process in FOIA or within the Board’s policies. As to the reason why no records were sent by the District, please refer to the District’s March 9, 2017 letter. A courtesy copy is enclosed. You never responded to the opportunity the District extended to you to reduce your request to a more manageable proportion, as set forth in detail in the letter.

As a courtesy at this time, the District will extend you another opportunity to reduce your request to a manageable proportion, as determined by the District. If you wish to do so, please submit the proposed narrowed request to my attention in writing by May 20, 2019.

If you have any questions pertaining to our response to your request, please contact me at Wilmette Public Schools, District 39, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois 60091.

Sincerely,

Ellen Crispino
FOIA Request Officer



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March 9, 2017

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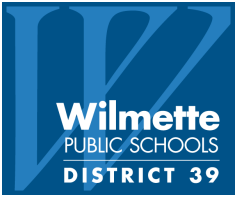
Dear Mr. Day:

The District received your FOIA request on February 9, 2017. On February 16, 2017, the District issued an initial response to your FOIA request, which informed that the District was designating your request as a “voluminous request” under FOIA. Based on this letter, you had until March 2, 2017 to inform the District whether you would like to amend your request so that it is no longer a “voluminous request”. To date, the District has not received any response from you. As such, and in accordance with FOIA, this serves as the District’s response to your February 9, 2017 FOIA request for the following records:

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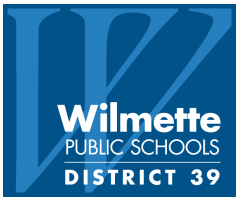
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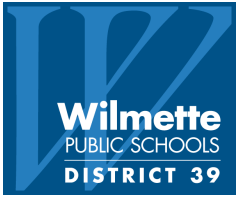
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The Unduly Burdensome Nature of Your Categorical Request

Your request as currently phrased seeks more than 7 categories of records spanning five (5) calendar years plus two (2) school years. Based upon the categorical nature of your requests dating back to 2004, and for what appears to be any full-time teaching positions and any substitute teaching positions lasting more than two (2) months, the District does not reasonably believe it could comply with your request within the statutory time frame. In fact, the District believes that the search efforts alone in connection with your request would exceed the statutory time for response. The search efforts would reasonably require at least several District personnel to take substantial time away from their regular duties in the operation of the District and education of students, which is contrary to the intent of FOIA. As such, the District believes that the search efforts alone in complying with your request would be unduly burdensome for the District to comply with.

In addition to the extensive search efforts, once the responsive records were identified, the District would then have to examine and evaluate each and every record to determine whether part or all of each record is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Sections 7(1) or 7.5. Because your request appears to seek information about applicants not hired by the District and communications between members of the District's Board of Education and/or the District's administration related to applicants, the interview process, hiring recommendations, this review could only be conducted by an administrator and/or the District's legal counsel, as they would be the only individuals who have the necessary competence and discretion to determine what FOIA exemptions may apply. Notably, the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) has opined on many occasions that the names, other identifiable information and application information of individuals not hired for positions with a public body are completely exempt from disclosure under FOIA Section 7(1)(c), because it would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the applicant's personal privacy if disclosed. Further, many of the other communications you seek, except final decisions, would likely be characterized as part of the District's deliberative process and exempt from disclosure under FOIA Section 7(1)(f). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The District estimates that it could take many weeks to conduct a review of the responsive communications to redact exempt content and prepare the required written response letter. Such a review conducted by an administrator would gravely disrupt the work of the District, as this would prevent the administrator from attending to critical educational duties for extended periods of time, contrary to the intent of FOIA. Alternatively, if the District's legal counsel conducts the review, the District would incur significant legal fees to be paid from public funds. This is contrary to the intent of FOIA.



The District's Compliance with Section 3(g) of FOIA

In view of the above, the District believes your categorical FOIA request would be unduly burdensome for the District to comply with, and the burden on the District outweighs any public interest in the information, particularly in view of the fact that a large majority of the records you seek, to the extent such exist, would be exempt from disclosure under FOIA Sections 7(1)(c) and 7(1)(f). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) and 7(1)(f). Therefore, in compliance with FOIA Section 3(g), the District is extending you an opportunity to attempt to narrow your request to a manageable proportion. If you do not reduce your categorical request to a manageable scale, the District will exercise its right under Section 3(g) of FOIA to deny your records request for these records.

Sincerely,

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