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**Fwd: FOIA - District Mission Statement**

1 message

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**Steve Ptacek** <sptacek@jsd117.org>  
To: Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 8:28 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Vince Espi <foia@news.locallabs.com>  
**Date:** April 10, 2023 at 12:30:52 PM CDT  
**To:** sptacek@jsd117.org  
**Subject:** FOIA - District Mission Statement

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of Local Labs, which is an online publication that reports on and informs the citizens of Illinois about their local and state government's activities. I apologize if this is a duplicate request. If you have already responded with your mission statement, please ignore this email.

Please provide the following information:

1. A copy of your district's current mission statement
2. Copies of any previous mission statements, provided they have changed them in recent past.

Please provide the records in electronic format. Preferably transferred via email or an online file hosting service (such as Dropbox).

As a media organization requesting these records primarily for the benefit of the general public, we request that any fees be waived. Thank you for your prompt assistance in providing these records.

Kind regards,

Vince Espi

Local Labs



Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

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## FOIA Request from April 10, 2023

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**Matthew Moore** <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 3:30 PM

To: foia@news.locallabs.com

Cc: Matthew Moore <mmoore@jsd117.org>

Bcc: Jennifer Lacey <jlacey@jsd117.org>, Samantha McKinley <smckinley@jsd117.org>

Mr. Espi,

Please see the attached response to the FOIA request we received on April 10, 2023.

Sincerely,  
Matt Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Moore".

*Assistant Superintendent  
Jacksonville School District 117*



**Local Labs Mission Statement Response Letter 4-17-23.pdf**

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**Jacksonville School District #117**

211 W State Street  
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650  
Office: (217)243-9411  
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Matthew Moore, Assistant Superintendent

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April 17, 2023

Dear Mr. Espi,

Thank you for writing to Jacksonville School District 117 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On April 10, 2023, JSD 117 was in receipt of your request for the following information at Jacksonville School District #117:

1. A copy of your district's current mission statement.
2. Copies of any previous mission statements, provided they have changed them in the recent past.

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117, I am writing to inform you that your request is denied. Please find the explanation of the denial below:

- Section 8.5a of 5 ILCS 140 states, "Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. The public body shall notify the requester that the public record is available online and directed the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed."
  - The information you requested is indeed posted online under the "Office of the Superintendent" on our website, [www.jsd117.org](http://www.jsd117.org).

You have a right to have the denial 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, IL 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
Email: [public.access@ilag.gov](mailto:public.access@ilag.gov).

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,



Matthew Moore  
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Jacksonville School District 117  
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