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3.26.2019 FOIA request from NBC5 Chicago for story on school storm shelters

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Sent via e-mail to jrzadzki@pennoyerschool.org

Dear Dr. Kopta:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am making this request of more than 350 public school districts in twelve Illinois counties in the greater Chicago area, including Pennoyer School District 79, for a news story we are working on at NBC5 about school tornado preparedness.

Please provide me with documents showing which school buildings in your district each have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements of the ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters (ICC-500) [published jointly by the International Code Council and the National Storm Shelter Association and available at https://codes.iccsafe.org/ content/ICC5002014?site_type=public], including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.

For those school buildings in Pennoyer School District 79 that do not have a storm shelter that meets the minimum requirements described above, please provide me with documents showing how and where the children in each of those school buildings are to be sheltered, in case of a tornado emergency, including the location of each shelter relative to its assigned school building.

Please send all material to me at olivia.deloian@nbcchicago. If for some reason you cannot send these records electronically, please contact me so that I can make other arrangements to get these documents from you. And if there is any way at all that I can help you gather this material, I would be most happy to do so.

Because these records are in the public interest, I ask that you waive any reproduction fee. And if you deny this request, please tell me on what grounds, and to whom I should appeal.

If you have any questions concerning this request or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Olivia Deloian

Researcher, NBC5 Investigates