



Community High School District 115  
Lake Forest Elementary School District 67



February 4, 2016

Nancy J. Thorner  
331 E. Blodgett Ave.  
Lake Forest, IL 60044

**Re: District 115 Response to FOIA Request**

Ms. Thorner,

I am responding to your request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") dated and received on January 25, 2016. On February 1, 2016 the District requested an extension; by statute this request must be responded to by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the bolded responses pertaining to your request for:

- 1) All documents generated in the past five years showing the number of hours and compensation paid to Ann Whipple (on an hourly or other basis) for work she performed during the two months each year she is off duty. ***Please see the attached documents.***
- 2) All documents, including legal invoices, opinion letters, and internal documents, regarding the district's obtaining legal or other professional advice regarding the legality of district 67 and 115 retaining Ann Whipple on an independent contractor versus employee basis. ***The School District has no record that specifically provides the information sought in your request. The FOIA does not require a public body to create a record where one does not exist, merely for the purpose of responding to a request for information. 5 ILCS 140/1***

I trust this response satisfies your request. To the extent you interpret this response as a denial of your request, you have the 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, Illinois 62706, Fax: 877-299-3642, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us), Phone: 877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of the denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request for documents and

the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen Albus', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen Albus  
FOIA Officer

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CC: Board of Education

January 25, 2016

Alan Albus

FOIA Officer

Lake Forest School Districts 67 and 115

300 S. Waukegan Road

Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Mr. Albus:

Please email me electronically the following information/documents (black and white, pdf format) per the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1:

For both Lake Forest District 67 and 115: Please produce:

- 1) All documents generated in the past five years showing the number of hours and compensation paid to Ann Whipple (on an hourly or other basis) for work she performed during the two months each year she is off duty.
- 2) All documents, including legal invoices, opinion letters, and internal documents, regarding the district's obtaining legal or other professional advice regarding the legality of district 67 and 115 retaining Ann Whipple on an independent contractor versus employee basis.

Please forward the requested documents within 5 days as required by FOIA law.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy J. Thorner

331 E. Blodgett Ave.

Lake Bluff, IL 60044

(847) 295-1035



**WHIPPLE CONSULTING, LLC**  
COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Date: July 22, 2015

Client: Lake Forest School District 115

Assignments June 15-July 15, 2015

Pro rated at 2014-15 rate – (17 days) .....\$7,395.

*MS*  
*7/22/15*

Principal Orientation and community meetings

LFEA Contract

Strategic Planning

Cabinet Meetings

Board of Education Meetings, Executive Session

\* *Stephanie - per J. Hermes:*

*process on Monthly Check Run dtd 8/5/15  
hold until checks approved ... as long as  
no questions, to be released on 8/17/15.*

*pay from:*

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*Kate*

VENDOR: WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC

DATE	CHECK NO.	VENDOR NO.
09/04/13	00126786	5032

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	P.O. NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
AUGUST 23 2013	JULY 15- AUG 15 SPECIAL PROJECTS		2,288.00

LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 115

300 S. Waukegan Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

General Account

LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS  
70-2533/719

Check Date	Check No.	Amount
09/04/13	00126786	\$2,288.00

PAY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS  
TO THE WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC  
ORDER 909 ELM TREE ROAD  
OF LAKE FOREST IL 60045

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LAKE FOREST IL 60045



**Whipple Consulting, LLC**  
Communications, Media and Public Relations

Date: August 23, 2013

Client: Lake Forest School District 115

July 15 – August 15 - special projects.....\$2,288.

Website Design

50 Strong

Admin Advance

Community Task Force

Media Relations

Parent Concerns

August/Superintendent Cabinet

*OK  
AA*

Amount Due.....\$2,288.

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VENDOR: WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC

DATE	CHECK NO.	VENDOR NO.
07/31/13	00126609	5032

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	P.O. NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
JULY 23 2013	JUNE 15- JULY 15 SPEC PROJECTS		4,575.00

LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 115

300 S. Waukegan Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

General Account

LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS  
70-2533/719

Check Date	Check No.	Amount
07/31/13	00126609	\$4,575.00

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OF LAKE FOREST IL 60045

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DISTRICT 115

300 S. Waukegan Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC  
909 ELM TREE ROAD  
LAKE FOREST IL 60045



**WHIPPLE CONSULTING, LLC**  
COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Date: July 23, 2013

Client: Lake Forest School District 115

June 15 – July 15 - special projects.....\$4,575

*[Handwritten signature]*

Website Design

Insight Newsletter

June/July/Superintendent Cabinet

Amount Due.....\$4,575.

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*OK*  
*Act*



VENDOR: WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC

DATE	CHECK NO.	VENDOR NO.
01/30/13	00124812	5032

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	P.O. NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
PROJECT WORK	JUNE 15 - AUG 15 SPECIAL PROJECTS		7,600.00

**LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

DISTRICT NO. 115  
300 S. WAUKEGAN RD.  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045

General Account

LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS  
70-2533/719

Check Date	Check No.	Amount
01/30/13	00124812	\$7,600.00

PAY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS

TO THE  
ORDER  
OF

WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC  
909 ELM TREE ROAD  
LAKE FOREST IL 60045

**NON-NEGOTIABLE**

Authorized Signature

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**LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

300 S. WAUKEGAN RD.  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045

WHIPPLE CONSULTING LLC  
909 ELM TREE ROAD  
LAKE FOREST IL 60045



**WHIPPLE CONSULTING, LLC**  
COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Date: January 15, 2013

Client: Lake Forest School District 115

June 15 – August 15, 2012 - special projects.....\$7,600.00

Superintendent Transition events, meetings

July/August Superintendent Cabinet

Media - Tribune/Lisa Black feature

Diamond Anniversary Campaign

Teacher Contract/Mediation

August Advance

Amount Due.....\$7,600.00

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