



Mahomet-Seymour Schools

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Estimated cost to the District for this request: \$650.00



March 24, 2023

Dani Tietz
Mahomet Daily, Ethos Publishing, LLC
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Mahomet, IL 61853
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Dear Mrs. Tietz:

On March 13, 2023 Mahomet-Seymour Community Unit School District 3 received a Freedom of Information Act request from you. The District extended the time for its pursuant to Section 3(e) of the FOIA. Your request and the District's responses are provided below:

Request: All communication (including, but not limited to email, text, memo, proposal, invoice: including attachments) with any representative from BLDD or Vesta Modular to or from Kenny Lee or Max McComb with the words trailer or modular from October 2022 to March 2023

Response: Enclosed please find records responsive to this request.

To the extent you interpret this response as a denial, 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, IL 62706. Fax 217-782-1396. E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, Phone 1-877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of this 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.

Ms. Sarah Pratt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62706
Telephone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642)
Facsimile: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You are further notified that you have the right to judicial review as provided in Section 11 of the Act, 5 ILCS 140/11

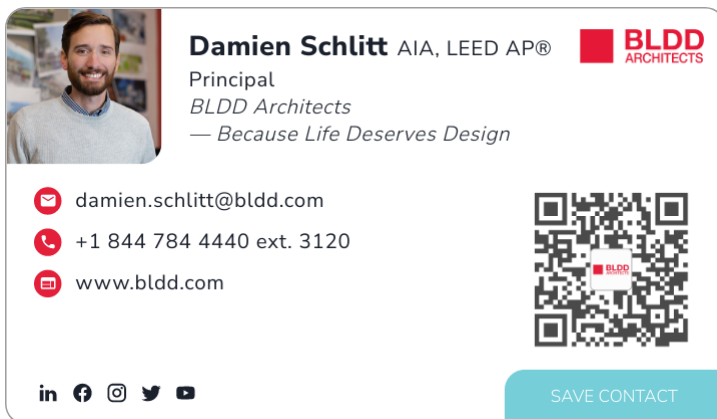
Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny C. Lee".




Dr. Kenny Lee, Superintendent and FOIA Officer


From: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 at 01:51:03 PM CDT
To: Dr. Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Fwd: MAH(007) Fall2022 Mailer #2 101422.pdf


"last" flyer attached for review.



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From: **Elizabeth Arway** <elizabeth@creative-entourage.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 1:48 PM
Subject: Re: MAH(007) Fall2022 Mailer #2 101422.pdf
To: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>
Cc: Rod Wright <rwright@unicomarc.com>

Revised file attached.

On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 12:28 PM Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com> wrote:

one other edit

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On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 12:26 PM Elizabeth Arway <elizabeth@creative-entourage.com> wrote:

Hi Damien,

Attached is the updated file with your provided image. (thank you by the way!)

- Elizabeth

On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 12:02 PM Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com> wrote:



On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 7:26 AM Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com> wrote:

I will get you one today

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On Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 7:09 AM Elizabeth Arway <elizabeth@creative-entourage.com> wrote:

Damien,

The revised file is attached. Sending to the printer now.
Also attached is the final mailer for your review. Do you have a photo of the actual portables?

Thanks,
Elizabeth

On Sun, Oct 16, 2022 at 4:42 PM Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com> wrote:

This is good

One final edit, the line near the bottom “this proposal is nearly 40% lower than the June 28th...” should be bold.

With that edit, ready for print.

Let's knock out mailer 4 asap too as I think printer needs that early this week too.

Thanks!!

On Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 3:54 PM Elizabeth Arway <elizabeth@creative-entourage.com> wrote:

Thanks, attached is an updated file.

On Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 3:21 PM Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com> wrote:

Here are Some edits to try and reduce the size of the text.

The green highlighted I'm trying to unbold

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Elizabeth Arway, *owner, creative director*

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From: Steve Curtis <scurtis@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 07:58:18 AM CST
To: Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@vestamodular.com>
Cc: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>; Heather Smith <hsmith@ms.k12.il.us>; Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>; Nathan Mills <nmills@ms.k12.il.us>
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Please advise, Steve

Stephen L. Curtis
Director of Facilities
Mahomet - Seymour School District #3

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From: <2176490462@vzwpix.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 7:31 AM
Subject: Fwd:
To: <scurtis@ms.k12.il.us>

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From: Steve Curtis <scurtis@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 08:59:42 AM CST
To: Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@vestamodular.com>
Cc: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>; Heather Smith <hsmith@ms.k12.il.us>; Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>; Nathan Mills <nmills@ms.k12.il.us>
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Subject: Re: Fwd:

Yes, it is.

Stephen L. Curtis
Director of Facilities
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On Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 8:18 AM Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@vestamodular.com> wrote:

Ok is (217) 649-0462 the best number for your contact?

From: Steve Curtis <scurtis@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 8:16 AM
To: Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@VestaModular.com>
Cc: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>; Heather Smith <hsmith@ms.k12.il.us>; Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>; Nathan Mills <nmills@ms.k12.il.us>
Subject: Re: Fwd:

Robert

Thank you, I'll be glad to meet with him when gets here.

Steve

Stephen L. Curtis

Director of Facilities

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On Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 8:12 AM Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@vestamodular.com> wrote:

Stephen, I just spoke to my service manager and working on getting a service tech down to inspect.

What is best contact number for you?

Thanks,

Rob

From: Steve Curtis <scurtis@ms.k12.il.us>

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 7:58 AM

To: Robert Gillingham <rgillingham@VestaModular.com>

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From: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>
Sent: Monday, 03 October 2022 at 08:56:27 AM CDT
To: Dr. Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>
Cc: Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Mahomet - Info Mailers DRAFTs

Kenny,

Attached are some draft messaging for the remaining planned mailers for the November referendum. Please take a look and let me know what you think.


Our intent was to have these drop to begin hitting mailboxes for:


October 20
October 27
November 3




In order to do this, **we need to get them reviewed this week**, so we can get artwork completed for next week and into the printer's hands no later than the end of next week.


I have some time **9 - 11:30 this Friday** if you are available and we could sit down and review these. If I can - I would try to get Rod there too if he is available to expedite the review/revision process. If that time doesn't work - sometime Wednesday afternoon might work too if I move some things around.


Thanks,
Damien



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From: Damien Schlitt <damien.schlitt@bldd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 05 October 2022 at 09:00:37 PM CDT
To: Dr. Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Mahomet - Updated Flyer Text


Kenny,

Please see attached. I have made the edits we discussed and I think these flow really well now. Please take a close look at each and let me know what you think. I highlighted the areas of change for ease of reference.




I am going to send these over to the design team to begin layout on the actual flyers. If you have any edits, you can let me know on this draft, or you can await review on the actual flyer drafts once those are available.


Just as a reminder - the goal is to get these off to the printer at the end of week - first thing next week to drop on 10/17 to hit mailboxes on or around 10/20.


Thanks,
Damien



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SOMETIMES – OLD IS JUST OLD



Information about Mahomet-Seymour
School District's Bond Proposal

REMEMBER TO VOTE **NOV. 8**

MSJH – TOO OLD – TOO SMALL – NO ROOM TO GROW

Go visit the school. Study the reports. Talk to the teachers.

Here is what you will learn. Our Junior High is:

- Too old and **can't be cost-efficiently renovated**
- Located at a **site that does not allow for expansion**
- **Too small to accommodate growing enrollment**

WE SAY "JUNIOR HIGH" – BUT IT IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL

If you compare schools today to those in the 1960's – the middle school level has seen the greatest change. While we call our building a "junior high," it operates as a middle school. Why? Because that's what is best to meet the educational needs of students.

It is difficult to shoehorn a middle school into an old junior high or even a high school. Form follows function – the building needs to accommodate today's best practices in middle school education. Not only is the **existing building too small, but it can't be cost-efficiently renovated** to provide the middle school education our kids need. With a price tag of \$54.3M – renovation and expansion of the existing facility would result in a school on a cramped 13-acre site, comprised of nearly 60 percent of the building being 60 years old. This would include undersized hallways, bathrooms, and other critical components, and would suffer from a lack of any athletic fields, insufficient parking and our current traffic issues would remain.

A SMALLER STEP

Following our loss at the polls on June 28, **we listened to our stakeholders and heard:**

- Virtually everyone agrees that **enrollment is growing, and something must be done to accommodate this growth**
- That while there is widespread agreement that something be done, **a smaller step should be taken.**

Based on this input, our Board of Education voted to place a \$59.4 million proposal on the November 8 ballot for a new middle school. **This proposal is 40% lower than the June 28 amount** – resulting in the annual increase on a \$300,000 home being reduced by \$385 from the original proposal.

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**MAHOMET-SEYMOUR
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL**

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A PLAN TO ADDRESS OUR GROWING ENROLLMENT

please

VOTE NOV. 8



**Vote on Mahomet-Seymour School
District's Bond Referendum**

A PLAN TO ADDRESS GROWING ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment is growing. More students are expected at every grade level. If we don't take steps to address this challenge, our kids face a future of overcrowded classrooms and more portables.

OUR FIRST STEP

We asked, and the community told us, that we must take this first step to address growing enrollment. They also told us, given the concerns of the economy, that the step proposed last June was too steep. That's why this proposal is on the ballot. It is nearly 40% smaller. It supports construction of a new middle school starting at the facility where the need for building expansion and improvements is the greatest.

Portables are not a threat. They are a reality and already in use. If we don't take steps to address growing enrollment, they will become a permanent fixture at all of our schools.

need a photo of
the portables

remember to vote

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Jodi McDuffee <jmcduffee@ms.k12.il.us>

Fwd: FOIA Request

1 message

Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>
To: Jodi McDuffee <jmcduffee@ms.k12.il.us>

Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 1:23 PM

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From: **Dani Tietz** <dani@mahometnews.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 3:33 PM
Subject: FOIA Request
To: Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>

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Thank you,

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Dani Tietz (she, her)
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