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101 Cerro Gordo Drive
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Dear DPS 61 School Board

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/3) and applicable state laws, I am writing to request the following information from Decatur Public Schools 61 (DPS 61) or relevant educational authority:

1. The number of students expelled from Decatur Public Schools (DPS 61) from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data). In the following format:

School Year	Number of Students Expelled
2022-2023	# of Students Expelled
2023-2024	# of Students Expelled

2. The race of each student expelled from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

3. The gender of each student expelled from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data). In the following format:

Gender	Number of Student Expelled
Male	# of Students Expelled
Female	# of Students Expelled

4. The length of expulsion for each student expelled from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data). Please list in order of students availability to return date.

5. The number of expelled students who are currently enrolled in the Decatur Public Schools Alternative Education Program from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

School Year	Number of Students Expelled Enrolled
2022-2023	# of Students
2023-2024	# of Students

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1. The number of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) suspended from Decatur Public Schools (DPS 61) from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data). In the following format:

School Year	Number of Students w/IEPs Suspended
2022-2023	# of Students Suspended
2023-2024	# of Students Suspended

2. The race of each student suspended from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

School Year	Number of Students Suspended
2022-2023	# of Students Suspended
2023-2024	# of Students Suspended

3. The number of vacant teacher positions from August 2021 to the present date (or the most recent available data). In the following format:

School Year	Vacant Teacher Positions
2021-2022	

2022-2023	
2023-2024	

3. The number of teacher resignations from August 2021 to the present date (or the most recent available data).In the following format:

School Year	Teacher Resignations
2021-2022	
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

4. The number of lawsuits involving the Decatur Public Schools from August 2021 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

School Year	Lawsuits
2021-2022	
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

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2023-2024	# of Students Expelled

2. The number of Black students with IEPs expelled from August 2022 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

School Year	Number of Students Suspended
2022-2023	# of Students Suspended
2023-2024	# of Students Suspended

3. The number of Black teachers from August 2021 to the present date (or the most recent available data). In the following format:

School Year	Number of Black Teachers
2021-2022	

2022-2023	
2023-2024	

4. The demographics of students who are currently enrolled in the Decatur Public Schools Special Education Program from August 2021 to the present date (or the most recent available data).

School Year	Black	White	Hispanic	Multirace
2021-2022				
2022-2023				
2023-2024				

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