Submit a California Public Records Act Request to Carmel USD

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is committed to transparency and providing easy access to public records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). The California Public Records Act gives the public the right to access records created and maintained by public agencies in the course of their normal business.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6252(e), a public record is defined as "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics." Public records requests may be used to obtain "records," which include a wide variety of documents and other materials (including print, photographic, and electronic formats) that were created or obtained by the organization and are, at the time the request is filed, in the organization's possession and control.

Records subject to disclosure under the CPRA may include email or other communications from members of the public or which reference them. While the District reviews all responsive records to determine if this information should be disclosed, in many cases references to members of the public, or the content of their communications to the District are subject to disclosure. Permissible exemptions from disclosure include documents that invade an individual's right to privacy (e.g., privacy in certain personnel, medical, or student records) or hinder the government's need to perform its assigned functions in a reasonably efficient manner (e.g., maintaining confidentiality of investigative records, official information, records related to pending litigation, and preliminary notes or memoranda).

All requests will be posted to the District's CPRA webpage.

Name of requestor: *
First and last name
Karl Safety

Email of requestor: (Responses will be provided to this email address) *

[Email field]
Mailing address of requestor:


Your request: (To enable staff to respond to your request as efficiently as possible, please include: The date range for the records requested; the department that holds the records (if known); and the types of records, including any important keywords. Please do not include any confidential information.)

Request records that discuss student safety and emergency access routes that include Karl Pallastrini (to and from). This should include his school board e-mail account and his Yahoo account as indicated in the images. Time period from 2021-2022.

If you have attachments or images to add to the request, please do so here.

☐ Karl Student Saf...
☐ Jon Karl Student ...

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On Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 4:03 PM Karl Pallastrini wrote:

Hello all,

Mike forwarded this concern to me regarding concerns about student driving in the lower lot (Baseball). He has included some additional access issues re/ Ambulance access to the gate at the Practice Facility.

I will focus on the student driving issue. I have brought this up countless times as a concern. Frankly...it has fallen on largely deaf ears. To wit: we have the youngest drivers on campus parking on the lower lot...void of any real experience behind the wheel. According to Coach Kelly and his staff...there are witnessing quite a bit of bad, dangerous driving from the lot after school. Other than the presence of the Coaching staff....there is no supervision provided by CHS.

If true....that can simply not stand. The prospect of injury to drivers, coaches, pedestrian traffic anywhere on school grounds is a LIABILITY that the District does not need to incur. There is a recorded history of my concerns with this issue in the records of BOE meetings, with several superintendents.

I realize that staffing (campus supervisors) may be lacking, but this is an absolute must fix for this Board Member.

I also have read the EIR that indicates that CUSD is fully aware of the parking issue, both on the main and the lower lot. Plans are in our proposal to relieve student / staff parking on a number of levels (planning is well done). Bollards and safety plans for morning pedestrian students are in the plans...but when? The issue of students walking up the driveway, without a designated pedestrian pathway is not on Coach Kelly's list...but it is on mine. Student safety is the priority.

The problem is that the best laid plans of mice and men etc. do not solve the issues that are outlined in Mikes's email. I am talking about now....not the future EIR's.

I am hoping that we can get something in place to correct this safety issue (as described) immediately. Otherwise, the only solution as I see it is to put this safety issue on the next regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Karl Pallastrini
Hello all,

My apologies for not responding sooner. Been a busy couple of days with concerts, rummage sales and professional development. Dan, Golden and I did have a meeting a couple of weeks ago to address some of this along with the issues raised by our neighbors. My responses are in red:

1. Thus far, with 56 kids currently in the program, baseball is running quite smoothly. We really appreciate the support from Golden. It makes coaching life a lot more enjoyable and I feel our student athletes are getting a good baseball experience.
   -- I would agree things look great for our program. There is a lot of good energy not just at the varsity level, but with the lower levels as well.

2. It has been a few weeks now since I notified CUSD about our flagpole halyard and cleat. We have been unable to raise the flag for home games and we all would appreciate it being fixed ASAP. All of our league opponents all have a working flagpole, yet ours has not been addressed.
   -- This is scheduled to be addressed during the break. The fix requires a scissor lift and we did not want to disrupt the game schedule.

3. CUSD has put locks on all access points to our field to keep the public out during non CHS Baseball time (to appease the neighbors of the noise created in the Training Area). In addition, CUSD put a permanent fence panel above the gate at the end of the parking lot so kids cannot climb over the lower gate and access the field. The net result of this move is Emergency Vehicles no longer have access to getting on the field. Please get this changed ASAP!!! I have been at the field when an Ambulance needed to transport two kids who collided in left field. All that needs to be done is change this permanent fence panel to a swinging panel with a lock. Ambulances and Fire Engines carry bolt/lock cutters!
   -- This was a temporary fix to address concerns about people accessing the field in off school hours. I will have Cal Fire come out to see what they need to access the field and we can adjust based on their recommendation. I would like to ensure any change to the gate does not disrupt practice or game scheduling with its installation.

4. The baseball parking lot is still a race track at the end of the school day. Our whole coaching staff have been witnesses to this each. The kids who park down there are the least experienced drivers on campus. Please do something! I have brought awareness to this situation for four years now, yet not a thing has been done. I feel it is only a matter of time before a student is going to get hit by a car. Solutions are 1. Clean the stairs and funnel kids up and down them until a permanent solution is built, 2. Put a Campus Supervisor or Teacher down there and discipline/cite those that drive recklessly.
   -- As we all know parking is certainly our greatest challenge right now. In the short term we will re-task a campus supervisor to help in the afternoon. We do have someone down there in the morning and that has helped greatly.
   -- We will be rethinking who parks where in the fall to have our younger drivers in the main lot and our Seniors in the lower lot.
   -- We are also adding in some temporary parking adjacent to the football field that should reduce the impact on the lower lot.
   -- I know there have been prior discussions about the hillside which Dan Paul can speak to but my understanding is that it would be a pretty sizable project to undertake during the season. With our long range planning for parking and access, addressing the hillside may not necessarily be needed but it could be worth a discussion either at a future facilities meeting or in internal discussions between myself and Dan.

We all agree we want a safe space for all students. I think the addition of the fencing along the first base line and the increased security to the batting cages will benefit the field, and curtail outside usage so our neighbors are able to feel heard without sacrificing the needs of our kids. I am always looking for ways to improve the campus so please keep the ideas coming!

Have a great weekend,
Jon