

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).

Name of requestor: *

First and last name

Fran Dillard

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

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Mailing address of requestor:

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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.) *

TO: CUSD Leadership and School Board Members

In the May 2022 issue of the CHS student newspaper, The Sandpiper, there was an article that referenced the 2018 acquisition of the 8.23-acre parcel adjacent to CMS Carmel Middle School. Many residents were not aware the district hired a consultant to gather more information on building out that property for athletic purposes that included cost estimates.

LINK to Article: <https://thesandpiper.org/plans-stalled-for-cusds-vacant-land-between-cms-and-cottages-of-carmel/>

QUOTE: "I remember seeing a price tag of around \$70 million," current Superintendent Ted Knight says. "The district hired a consultant to check the communities' interest in raising their taxes for this project. As I understand it, the support and polling was low and the project did not move forward."

For transparency of work that has been done to date, I am requesting access to records in possession or control of the CUSD for the purposes of inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 6250 et seq. ("CPRA"), and Article I, § 3(b) of the California Constitution.

The specific records I seek to inspect and copy are listed below. As used herein, "Record" includes "Public Records" and "Writings" as those terms are defined at Government Code § 6252(e) & (g).

Dates: 2018 - Current May 2022

Records or documents including but not limited to:

- Consultants, contractors, vendors that assessed the cost or potential of the CMS 8.23 parcel adjacent to CMS.
- Plans, details, sketches, outlines, drawings of the potential vision of the parcel of land
- Correspondence that indicates the community was not interested in moving forward.
- Polling public or key stakeholders around build out of the land

Ultimately, the vision of purchasing Carmel Middle School was to build out the potential of the High School on that site. We are asking for deeper understanding as to why the build out of Carmel High School's current is continuing at a scary and unsafe rate when other solutions are available. I'll submit this request through a formal process but want the School Board Members to be aware as the build out at Carmel High School is unsustainable in safety and environmental risks.
