

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

Frances Dillard

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

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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.) *

In an October 2021 Listening Session with the Carmel Community, Superintendent Ted Knight and Dan Paul, Facilities Manager presented the below bullets in a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint was sent to those in attendance; thus a record is available with the below promises made to the public:

- District legal counsel is currently revising Board Policy 1330 and an updated policy that prohibits the renting out of facilities that require lights will be presented to the Board in Dec, 2021. Currently we rent out the aquatic facility approximately 75 times a year when light lights are utilized. This change in policy will eliminate these rental and their use of lights.
- The district has applied for dark sky certification and have received certification of the plans. The district will also be applying for field verification if and when the lights are installed.
- The district is currently in the design phase of replacing our current pool lights with dark sky certified lights that we anticipate will be installed in 6-9 Months.

Carmel residents request the following:

- A May agenda item with CUSD to provide status to the above points. Where are we and what are next steps? This topic has not appeared on the Board Agenda and no update as been provided.
 - CPRA to provide information and public records or documents of containing key words of Listening Session, pool lights, aquatic facility, Dark Sky certification, Board Policy 1330. Records or documents should include but not be limited to e-mails from Ted Knight and Dan Paul. In addition, please provide records of how many times the pool facilities has been rented from Oct 2021 to current April 11 that required the use of lights.
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