



October 26, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Chance Ackley-Smith

Re: FOIA Request No. 2627-099

Dear Chance Ackley Smith:

Thank you for writing to the Detroit Public Schools Community District (“DPSCD” or the “District”) with your request for information pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231, *et seq.* (“FOIA”). Your FOIA request was electronically delivered to the District’s FOIA Coordinator on Friday, **October 16, 2026**. Under MCL 15.235(1), your FOIA request is treated as received on **Monday, October 19, 2026**, with an initial response due within five (5) business days on Friday, **October 23, 2026**.

Your FOIA request seeks the following:

OIA request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*
Automated license plate reader (ALPR) vendors: agreements and payments since January 1, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your help with this request. If anything in it is unclear, I am glad to talk it through by phone or email.

I request copies of the following records of the Detroit Public Schools Community District, including any held by the Detroit Public Schools Community District Police Department. Please provide each record in the electronic format in which it is kept (PDF, XLSX, CSV, or similar) by email or through your records portal; for any record held only on paper, a scanned PDF is preferred. I stipulate electronic delivery of the records and of your response (MCL 15.234(1)(c); MCL 15.235(10)) and am not requesting paper copies or physical media. Where a record is already posted on your website, the specific webpage address is sufficient (MCL 15.234(5)). If another office of the Detroit Public Schools Community District holds any of these records, please forward this request to that office and tell me which office holds them.

Time frame: January 1, 2020 through the date this request is received.

1. Agreements with, and payments to, any license plate reader vendor. Every agreement between the Detroit Public Schools Community District and a vendor of automated license plate reader cameras, software, or data in effect at any point in the time frame, and every record of a payment to such a vendor in the time frame: contracts, leases, trial or pilot agreements, order forms, accepted quotes, purchase orders, invoices, payment records (a check, check-register line, or other disbursement

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record), and the agenda item, minutes, or recorded vote of any council, board, or commission action approving an agreement or payment. Vendors of this kind include Flock Safety (Flock Group Inc.), Motorola Solutions, Vigilant Solutions, Axon, Genetec, Rekor, Leonardo, and ELSAG. This item also covers any other vendor of the same technology, and an agreement or payment made through a reseller, a grant, a donation or gift, or another public body (for example a county sheriff's office) as well as one made directly. An agreement with one of these vendors for something else (radios, body-worn cameras, Tasers) is not requested unless the product includes license plate reading.

If the Detroit Public Schools Community District has no such records, from Flock or any other vendor, a sentence in your reply saying so is all I need. The Act calls that statement a certificate (MCL 15.235(5)(b)).

Fees. I request a public-interest fee waiver or reduction under MCL 15.234(2): the records concern the use of automated license plate reader technology by public bodies, and the findings will be published for the general public at no charge on a public website covering Michigan license plate reader programs at michiganplatereaders.org, so furnishing them can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. If you assess a fee, please send the estimate on your standard detailed-itemization form (MCL 15.234(4)) and, if the estimate exceeds \$50, the deposit notice under MCL 15.234(8), within the response period of MCL 15.235(2).

This request, your responses to it and any correspondence about it will be published at michiganplatereaders.org, with personal contact details left out.

If any portion is exempt, please release the non-exempt portions (MCL 15.244(1)) and, for each withholding, state the basis and describe what was separated or deleted (MCL 15.235(5)(a), (c)). Thank you.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TIME

In accordance with section 15.235(2)(d) of the FOIA, you are hereby notified that the District extends the response date for your request by ten (10) business days ("Extension") on **Friday, November 6, 2026**. This Extension will allow the District additional time to identify, amass and/or review responsive documents, if any such documents exist.

Please be advised that the District may provide an estimate of costs attendant to fulfill your FOIA request if such costs apply. The method of compilation for any costs is outlined in the District's written FOIA Procedures Summary found at [General Counsel / Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) \(detroitk12.org\)](http://General Counsel / Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (detroitk12.org)).

Sincerely,

Detroit Public Schools Community District
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