



## Arizona Republic Public Records Request UPDATE

We know that many of you were in the midst of gathering documents and otherwise preparing a response to the Arizona Republic's February 2020 public records request when the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted your normal school operations. We spoke with Lily Altavena at the Arizona Republic this morning about the timing of responses to her request.

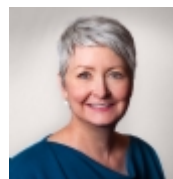
Ms. Altavena confirmed – and agreed that we could share with you – that although she is not withdrawing her request, **she is pausing it for the time being**. She understands that this is not your priority right now and that it should not interfere with the many other issues you are handling, including school closures and quarantines. You will still need to respond to her records request at some point, but for now you can focus on all of the other pressing issues you are facing.

You do not need to let Ms. Altavena know that you will not be responding right now; she anticipates reaching out to schools (and to us, other school lawyers, and school associations) to circle back on the request when life begins to return to normal.

In these uncertain times, we know that you are facing unprecedented decisions, with both practical and legal ramifications. We are here to support you in any way we can, so please let us know how we can help. We will send out additional client alerts about legal issues that many of you are facing or may face throughout this crisis. In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe!

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