



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS  
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March 17, 2009

Mr. Paul Roser  
Public Information Office  
Humble Independent School District  
P.O. Box 2000  
Humble, Texas 77347

OR2009-03485

Dear Mr. Roser:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 337450.

The Humble Independent School District (the "district") received a request for all communications between two specified individuals regarding participation in a specified conference. You state that you have released some of the responsive information to the requestor. You claim that the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.137 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.137 of the Government Code states that "an e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating electronically with a governmental body is confidential and not subject to disclosure under [the Act]," unless the owner of the e-mail address has affirmatively consented to its public disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.317(a)-(b). The types of e-mail addresses listed in section 552.137(c) may not be withheld under this exception. *See id.* § 552.137(c). The district must withhold the personal e-mail addresses that you have marked under section 552.137 unless the owner of a particular e-mail address has affirmatively consented to its public disclosure. The remaining submitted information must be released to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General at (512) 475-2497.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Casterline', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarah Casterline  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)