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Ms. Katheryne Ellison  
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OR2014-06790

Dear Ms. Ellison:

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# 525542.

The Houston Independent School District (the "district") received a request for information pertaining to a named district teacher. You state the district will withhold social security numbers pursuant to section 552.147(b) of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.102(b) of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You claim the submitted college transcript is subject to 552.102(b) of the Government Code, which excepts from disclosure all information in transcripts of a professional public school employee other than the employee's name, the courses taken, and the degree obtained. Gov't Code § 552.102(b); Open Records Decision No. 526 (1989). Thus, with the exception of the employee's name, courses taken, and degree obtained, which must be released, the district must withhold the submitted transcript under section 552.102(b) of the Government Code.

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<sup>1</sup>Section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office. See Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)