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Dear Mr. Muñiz:

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# 542915.

The Northside Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for specified classroom management modules used by the district. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.110 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

The district argues the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.110 of the Government Code. Section 552.110 excepts from disclosure trade secrets obtained from a person and privileged or confidential by statute or judicial decision, as well as commercial or financial information for which it is demonstrated based on specified factual evidence that disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm to the person from whom the information was obtained. *See* Gov't Code § 552.110. Thus, section 552.110 is designed to protect the interests of third parties, not the interests of a governmental body. Accordingly, we will not consider the district's arguments under section 552.110. As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the submitted information must be released in its entirety.

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, 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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