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OR2015-08681

Dear Ms. Martin:

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# 562753.

The Richardson Independent School District (the "district") received a request for information pertaining to three named district employees. You state the district has released some information. We understand the district will redact information subject to section 552.117 of the Government Code pursuant to section 552.024(c) of the Government Code and information subject to section 552.147 of the Government Code.¹ You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.102 and 552.136 of the Government Code.² We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the

¹Section 552.024(c)(2) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact information protected by section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code without the necessity of requesting a decision under the Act if the current or former employee or official to whom the information pertains timely chooses not to allow public access to the information. *See* Gov't Code § 552.024(c)(2). If a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with subsections 552.024(c-1) and (c-2). *See id.* § 552.024(c-1)-(c-2). 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 requesting a decision from this office under the Act. *Id.* § 552.147(b).

²Although you also raise section 552.101 for the submitted information, you provide no arguments explaining how this exception is applicable to the information at issue. Therefore, we assume you no longer assert this exception. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301, .302.

submitted representative sample of information.³ We have also received and considered comments from the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (permitting interested third party to submit to attorney general reasons why requested information should or should not be released).

Section 552.102(b) of the Government Code exempts from disclosure higher education transcripts of professional public school employees, but does not except the employee's name, the courses taken, and the degree obtained from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.102(b); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 526 (1989). Accordingly, with the exception of the employees' names, courses taken, and degrees obtained, the district must withhold the submitted college transcripts pursuant to section 552.102(b) of the Government Code.⁴

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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³We assume the representative sample of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

⁴As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information.

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)