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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

October 28, 2015

Ms. JoAnna Talley
Public Information Officer
Office of Legal Services
Fort Worth Independent School District
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OR2015-22665

Dear Ms. Talley:

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# 584887.

The Fort Worth Independent School District (the "district") received a request for proposals submitted to the district by Communities in School ("Communities"). Although you take no position regarding whether the submitted information is excepted from disclosure, you state its release may implicate the proprietary interests of Communities. Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified Communities of the request and its right to submit arguments to this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). We have received comments from Communities. We have considered the submitted information.

Communities has informed this office it has no objection to the disclosure of its information. Therefore, we have no basis to conclude Communities has a protected interest in the information at issue, and the district may not withhold any of this information on the basis of any interest Communities may have in it. As we have received no arguments against disclosure, the submitted information must be released.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meredith L. Coffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Meredith L. Coffman
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

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