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The following is in response to the Public Records Request received by Leslie Morgan on Thursday, January 25, 2024 by Emmett School District. All Public Records Requests and the fulfillment of those requests are publicly posted on our website. This request and the following response will be posted and available on our website no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The following is the text of what was requested and a response regarding if the district possesses such records:

Total Operating Costs associated with all non-general fund revenue for 2022/2023 including but not limited to:

1. **Fair market value for space occupied** (We do not possess a record that meets this request)
2. **Proportional share of utilities (water, sewer, garbage, electricity, gas, phone, internet, etc)** (We do not possess a record that meets this request for specific spaces within our buildings.)
3. **Proportional share of administrative costs** (We do not possess a record that meets this request for specific spaces within our buildings.)
4. **Proportional share (based on square footage) of maintenance, janitorial costs, grounds keeping, insurance, etc.** (We do not possess a record that meets this request)
5. **Direct cost of maintenance/upgrades for facilities used only by non-general fund programs (portables, playground, sheds/storage, etc))** (We do not possess a record that meets this request. The portables were remodeled as part of maintaining our school facilities. As such, those costs were not for a program but for the school facilities. The associated costs are available in our accounting records. The preschool playground was funded through a grant.)
6. **Loaded cost of any personnel being paid in any manner by the district to support any non-general fund program (loaded cost = pay rate plus all payroll taxes and benefits)** (We do not possess a record that meets this request. Grants include funding for personnel associated with the grant.)

Please itemize total operating costs under each non-general fund revenue source in a manner consistent with the detailed annual budget presented in the past. (These appear to have been deleted from the District web site) (We are not sure what you are referring to. Nothing has been deleted, all required financial records are available on our website and have also been sent to the state, as required, as part of transparentidaho.gov.)

The records we have are available on the website. We also upload all required budgeting documentation to the state. Grants also require accounting to be submitted as part of the fulfillment of the grant. We are in compliance in all areas.

After searching through our records, we have determined that we possess no record that meets what you describe. Furthermore, we have no means with which to calculate what you are requesting. Though your questions aren't specific, your conversation with Mr. Woods indicated that your primary concern was the Little Huskies Preschool funded through 21st Century grants. Use of school facilities is included as part of the in-kind contributions outlined in the grant. Other entities also provide in-kind contributions to this same grant.

A measurement such as what you are requesting would not be accurate, even if calculating was possible. The preschool program is housed within school facilities. Further, every year, grants such as this one allocate that indirect costs can be returned to the school district as part of the grant's expenses. This amount for indirect costs is stipulated by the state, and the district can exercise the option of receiving the money. The amount stipulated is 4.64% and it is paid at the end of the year. There is nothing unusual with how grants are used within Emmett School District. We follow standard procedures common with other districts and grant-funded programs.

Fortunately, grants such as the one that funds Little Huskies directly benefit the education of our students. Students who attend preschool enter kindergarten ready to learn, and their success contributes to our purpose of educating the youth of Gem County.

Idaho code states that we are not required to create new records to fulfill public records requests. If you seek more information about the 21st century grant that funds our Little Huskies Preschool, we suggest you reach out to the Idaho State Department of Education. They oversee the grant and its implementation in Emmett School District. A knowledgeable person to ask for is Sheena Strickler. She is the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Coordinator.

Our legal team has confirmed that 74-102 grants requesters the right to examine existing records. However, there is no requirement to create new records. When making any future request of records we possess, please make sure you include your name, address, phone number, and email to comply with 74-102(4)

Also in future requests, please be aware that requesting that associated work be exempt from fees in accordance with 74-102(10)(f) also includes that the requestor demonstrate that (10)(f) is necessitated.

(f) The public agency shall not charge any cost or fee for copies or labor when the requester **demonstrates** that the requester's examination and/or copying of public records:

(iii) Will not occur if fees are charged because the requester has insufficient financial resources to pay such fees.

The District has no records responsive to the terms of your request. We consider this request closed.

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My primary question was NOT about Little Huskies. That was merely an example. I also discussed alternative data with Mr. Woods that would also be suitable.

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We do not possess any reports that include the information requested in the public information request submitted to us.

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