INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EMMETT #221

Leslie J. Morgan
9169 West State St. 3919
Boise ID, 83617
Re: October 17, 2024 Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Morgan,

This letter is being sent in response to the public records request you filed with our office on October 17, 2024.

Your request was reviewed by ESD Public Information Officer, Amanda Weers; Business Manager, Crystal Vaughan; and Superintendent Craig Woods. After a process of offering options to fulfill the request, this letter is to inform you that your request for non-redacted financial information has been denied. Under Idaho code 74, we are required to perform redactions of information exempt from disclosure including confidential information or other such exclusions from the Public Writings Act and other applicable state and/or federal laws. (see IC § 74-104 – examples are FERPA and HIPPA), as well as any personnel information, and any document that would be subject to executive session (see IC § 74-106).

Your request for a continuance of the public records request received by Emmett School District in January 2023 is denied. This request was received and fulfilled with materials provided to you. Emmett School District considers the request complete and fulfilled. The request was closed in 2023, and we have no further materials that would necessitate it being reopened.

This letter officially closes your October 17, 2024 public records request. Though we have offered alternative options with which to fulfill the request, we have not received a response from you indicating a selection.

Since this letter provides notification of the closure of your January 2023 and October 2024 public records requests, we will not respond further in regard to these matters. Should you wish to make another request for information, please be aware of the options we have provided as available. Please make your request in a new public records request. Options available are:

1. A request for bank statements and an accompanying report. (Requires pre-payment of $710.19 or documentation to support a fee waiver). The records will include redactions. (PDF available)
2. A request for the report only, extending from January 2023 to current (redactions included). (PDF available) No fee.
3. A request for a report with specified columns. With this option, we will need to reassess the time required for preparation and redaction once we receive the full details of your request. Should you stipulate an Excel format, please be aware that the estimated cost to be pre-paid will be higher as redactions must be completed manually. Any spreadsheet you receive will be read-only and password-protected for security purposes. (Also refer to the following note.)

Please note that the District is only required to produce the public records already in its files. There is no requirement to reformat and change any record. In other words, there is no requirement to create a document to satisfy a request - either there is a record in the files (which may be exempt or require redactions), or there is not.

As this response constitutes a denial of your request for non-redacted financial information, your sole remedy is set forth in Idaho Code 74-115(1), pursuant to which you have the right to appeal by filing a petition in the Third Judicial District of Idaho within 180 calendar days of the date of this notice.

This letter and the denial contained herein were reviewed by our legal counsel - Bret Walther at Anderson, Julian & Hull LLP.

Sincerely,

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