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May 28, 2021

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Cover letter sent via email to: [REDACTED]

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act §24-72-201 et seq.

*The Colorado Open Records Act ("CORA") generally provides that all types of government are required to produce public records. Therefore, it is the policy of the District, consistent with CORA, that all public records shall be open for inspection by any person within a reasonable time, unless the District is prohibited by law from disclosing the requested records. The District is prohibited from releasing include, but not limited to:*

- *Private, personally identifying information about students and their families.*
- *District personnel records that relate to employees except the following may be released:*
  - *Applications of past or current employees*
  - *Employment agreements*
  - *Any compensation including expense allowances and benefits*
  - *Any amount paid or benefit provided incident to termination of employment*
- *Proprietary information.*
- *Specialized details of security arrangements or investigations.*
- *Other records required by federal or state law and/or regulations or judicial decisions to remain confidential and/or not subject to disclosure.*

Sometimes the records requested do not exist. Pursuant to CORA, the District is not obligated, but may choose, to create a document for the requester for an additional required up-front fee.

In the interest of transparency, the District's goals in responding to include:

- Maximizing public transparency while minimizing costs and burdens to the District.
- Responding to requests as thoroughly and quickly as possible.
- Establishing universal guidelines for requesting and responding to records.

The District strives to respond to all requests for records. In doing so, it spends a substantial amount of time locating, reviewing, and disseminating records and information. CORA provides that the District can charge the following fees and require them payable before releasing records to the requesters:

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- \$30.00 an hour research and retrieval fee whether the research results in finding the requested document (*first hour of time is not chargeable to the requester*).
  - \$.25 per page copying fee.
  - Postage.
  - A reasonable hourly fee for manipulation of data so as to generate a record in a form not used by the District or to create a privileged log when required.

After reviewing your request and discussing it with our subject matter experts, we are providing you the following response:

**Request:**

"The April 6, 2021 Financial Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes state that bond counsel performed a review on "whether the district is in compliance with the ballot language for the bond relative to an external audit of capital expenditures of the program, the district has reviewed with bond counsel from a legal standpoint".

The minutes also state: "Further, it was determined that the use of the district's external auditor is satisfactory and in compliance with the ballot language

Please provide a copy of the legal opinions or written reviews that bond counsel, or other counsel performed that support these assertions.

[https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_627881/File/Jeffco%20PS%20About%20Jeffco%20Board%20of%20Education%20District%20Advisory%20Committees%20Financial%20Oversight%20Committee%202021%20FOC%20Meetings%202021%2004%2006%20FOC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20APPROVED.pdf](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_627881/File/Jeffco%20PS%20About%20Jeffco%20Board%20of%20Education%20District%20Advisory%20Committees%20Financial%20Oversight%20Committee%202021%20FOC%20Meetings%202021%2004%2006%20FOC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20APPROVED.pdf)

**Response:**

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Your request above seeks information that is subject to attorney-client privilege; therefore, your request is denied pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 24-72-204(1) and 24-72-204(3)(a)(IV).

Sincerely,

Records Custodian

Attachment(s): None

cc: Helen Neal – Chief of Staff, Superintendent and Board of Education

*Our Mission: To provide a learning environment that is safe, conducive to learning and free from unnecessary disruption while providing a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.*

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