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Cover letter sent via email to: [REDACTED]

We are in receipt of your request for public records pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act, codified at C.R.S. § 24-72-201 *et seq.*

The Colorado Open Records Act ("CORA") generally provides that public entities like Jeffco Public Schools are required to open public records for inspection by any person at reasonable times. In the interest of transparency, the District's goals in responding to CORA requests 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.

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. Examples of records that the District is prohibited from releasing include, but are 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.

The District strives to respond to all requests for public records. In doing so, it spends a substantial amount of time locating, reviewing, and disseminating records and information. CORA provides that the District may charge a reasonable fee, which is required to be paid before releasing records to the requester. The District's fees are as follows:

- \$30.00 an hour for research and retrieval of public records, whether the research results in finding the requested document or not (*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."

Response:

According to our subject matter experts, at this time, Jeffco Public Schools does not have an existing document that is responsive to your request, therefore, your request is denied pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute § 24-72-204.

Sincerely,

Records Custodian

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

Attachment(s): None

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