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The Honorable John E. Fitzgibbon
County Attorney
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Laredo, Texas

Open Records Decision No. 37

Re: Availability of financial
and other records of independent
school district.

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon:

Pursuant to Section 7 (a) of the Open Records Act, Art. 6252-17a, V. T. C. S., you have requested a determination as to whether certain information sought by the international representative of a labor union must be disclosed to him. This person has sought the following:

1. (a) Copies of monthly reports of income and expenditures of the Laredo Independent School District Lunch Room Program, September 1973 to March 1974.
 - (b) Copies of monthly reports of income and expenditures of all other Federal Funded Programs of the Laredo Independent School District from September 1973 to March 1974.
 - (c) Copies of payroll records for all employees working in the above mentioned programs of the Laredo Independent School District from September 1973 to March 1974.
2. All pertinent information as to the policy of the Laredo Independent School District in regards to annual leave, sick leave, hospitalization insurance, life insurance and all other benefits that are provided to employees of the District.

3. List of names, addresses, classification, rate of pay and date of employment of all Laredo Independent School District employees.

The specific questions you have submitted to us are:

1. Is the School District under a legal obligation to furnish said union all of the information requested by such union?
2. What standards or guidelines are available to determine the reasonableness of such request?

Sec. 5(b) of the Act provides:

Neither the custodian nor his agent who controls the use of public records shall make any inquiry of any person who applies for inspection or copying of public records beyond the purpose of establishing proper identification and the public records being requested

See Open Records Decisions 23 and 31 (1974).

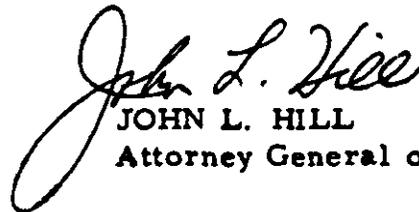
In Open Records Decision No. 14 (1974), we held that information about employees of a hospital district was public. Support for this decision is to be found in the specific inclusions in Section 6 (a) of the Open Records Act as follows:

(2) the names, sex, ethnicity, salaries, title, and dates of employment of all employees and officers of governmental bodies;

(3) information in any account, voucher, or contract dealing with the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds by governmental bodies, not otherwise made confidential by law;

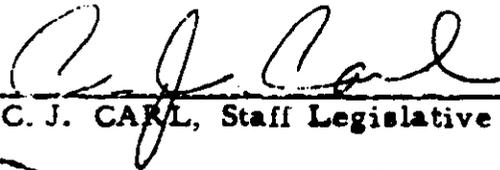
As we do not find that the information here involved would fall within any of the exceptions in Section 3 of the Open Records Act, we extend the conclusion of Open Records Decision No. 14 (1974) to the present request and hold the information to be subject to disclosure.

Very truly yours,



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APPROVED:



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