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OR90-542

Dear Mr. Boyd:

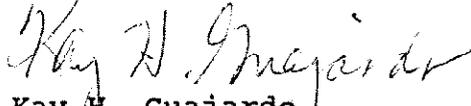
You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10874.

The Collin County Community College (hereinafter the college) has received a request from a reporter for all documents and correspondence relating to a particular college administrator's involvement in the investigation of a student's discrimination claim against the college. You assert this information is excepted from required disclosure based on sections 3(a)(3) and 3(a)(11) of the Open Records Act and sent several documents for our review.

Education records are excepted from required disclosure based on sections 3(a)(14) and 14(e) of the Open Records Act. Section 14(e) incorporates the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which defines education records as records that (i) contain information directly related to a student and (ii) are maintained by an educational institution. See 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (a)(4)(A). All of the information in this request relates to experiences of an individual while she was a student at the college. Accordingly, the information is not disclosable based on section 3(a)(14) and 14(e) of the Open Records Act. See Open Records Decision No. 539 (1990) (enclosed).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-542.

Yours very truly,


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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 539

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