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Dear Mr. Wood:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a. Your request was assigned ID# 19166.

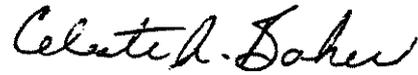
The Northside Independent School District ("the district"), which you represent, received two open records requests from the parent of one of the district's former students for various records pertaining to the district's policies regarding the enrollment of students who reside outside of district's boundaries. The district has released to the requestor many of the records he sought. You contend, however, that because the remaining requests would require the district to compile information in a form not currently maintained, the district is not required to comply with those requests.

It is well-established that the act does not require a governmental body to prepare new information in response to an open records request. Open Records Decision Nos. 452 (1986); 342 (1982). *But see* Attorney General Opinion JM-672 (1987) (a minimal computer search may be required for existing information stored in computers). Nor does the act require the preparation of information in the form requested by a member of the public. Open Records Decision No. 145 (1976); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 347 (1982). For example, in Open Records Decision No. 347, this office indicated that the act does not require a governmental body to answer factual questions or to, in effect, respond to legal interrogatories. Based on your representation that the requested information is not maintained in the documentary form requested, this office concludes that the district need not comply with these requests.¹

¹Because we resolve your request on other grounds, we need not address your section 3(a) claims.

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 contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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