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Dear Ms. Robinson:

As counsel for the Leander Independent School District (the "school district"), you ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code, formerly V.T.C.S. article 6252-17a.¹ Your request was assigned ID# 23378.

The school district received a request for all records pertaining to a certain individual from an attorney representing that individual. You say the school district has released the requested information with redactions of the names of students, the names of students' parents, and other information that tends to identify students.

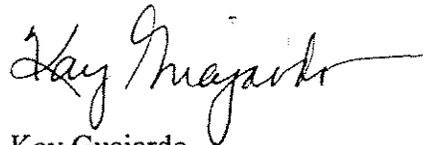
We agree that you must release the requested information with these redactions. The Open Records Act contains two exceptions for education records. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.026 (incorporating the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, known as FERPA), 552.114. The information at issue constitutes education records which are protected from required public disclosure under sections 552.026 and 552.114 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 539 (1990). Therefore, the school district must release the requested information with redactions of the names of students, the names of students' parents and other information

¹The Seventy-third Legislature repealed V.T.C.S. article 6252-17a. Acts 1993, 73d Leg., ch. 268, § 46. The Open Records Act is now codified in the the Government Code at chapter 552. *Id.* § 1. This codification of the Open Records Act is a nonsubstantive revision. *Id.* § 47.

that is reasonable and necessary to avoid personally identifying a student. Open Records Decision No. 332 (1982).

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 this office.

Yours very truly,



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