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Dear Mr. Hunn:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 407528.

The Blanco Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for all information pertaining to the qualifications of a named teacher and any information related to this individual's academic and/or professional background concerning his basketball coaching. You state that some responsive information will be released to the requestor and that you will redact a social security number pursuant to section 552.147 of the Government Code.¹ You claim that the submitted information is excepted from disclosure pursuant to sections 552.102 and 552.117 of the Government Code.² We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You state the submitted information consists of transcripts of a district teacher that are excepted from disclosure under section 552.102(b) of the Government Code. Section 552.102(b) excepts from disclosure all information from higher education transcripts of professional public school employees other than the employee's names, the courses taken, and the degree obtained. Gov't Code § 552.102(b); Open Records Decision No. 526 (1989). Thus, with the exception of the district employee's name, courses taken, and degree obtained,

¹Section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office under the Act. Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

²Although you also raise section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 552.117 of the Government Code, we note section 552.101 does not encompass other exceptions in the Act.

the district must withhold the submitted transcripts pursuant to section 552.102(b) of the Government Code.

You claim that the remaining information in the submitted transcripts is excepted from disclosure under section 552.102(a) of the Government Code. Section 552.102(a) excepts from disclosure "information in a personnel file, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Gov't Code § 552.102(a). Upon review, we find that none of the remaining information at issue is excepted under section 552.102(a) of the Government Code. Accordingly, none of the remaining information may be withheld on this basis.

In summary, with the exception of the district employee's name, courses taken, and degree obtained, which must be released, the district must withhold the submitted transcripts pursuant to section 552.102(b) of the Government Code.³

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

³As our ruling is dispositive, we do not address your remaining argument.