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Dear Ms. Anderson:

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# 461063.

The Cedar Hill Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for (1) information regarding two specified incidents and (2) personnel records regarding two named employees.<sup>1</sup> You state some of the requested information has been released. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.102 the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the information you submitted. We also have considered the comments we received from the requestor.<sup>2</sup>

Section 552.102(b) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "a transcript from an institution of higher education maintained in the personnel file of a professional public school employee[.]" Gov't Code § 552.102(b). This exception further provides, however, that "the degree obtained or the curriculum on a transcript in the personnel file of the employee" are not excepted from disclosure. *Id.* We agree the district must withhold the submitted educational transcripts under section 552.102(b) of the Government Code, except for the information that reveals the employee's name, the degree obtained, and the courses taken. *See* Open Records Decision No. 526 (1989) (addressing statutory predecessor).

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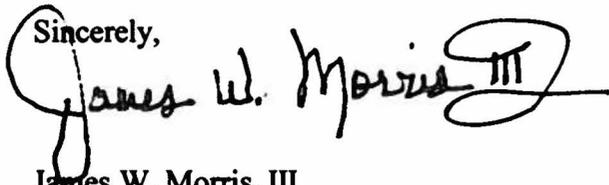
<sup>1</sup>You inform us the district received clarification of the request. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (governmental body may communicate with requestor for purpose of clarifying or narrowing request for information).

<sup>2</sup>*See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (any person may submit written comments stating why information at issue in request for attorney general decision should or should not be released).

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](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Morris III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

James W. Morris, III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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