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Kathy Looten
Springfield Public Schools

This is a request under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

I am requesting the following information:

- Any records of payments made to either John Harvill or his company, Personnel Research, Inc., between 1980 and 2000. Harvill used to do polygraph examinations for the school district, and I am attempting to find an accurate number of how many times he did polygraph tests for the school district.

If portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, the state Sunshine law requires you to segregate those portions and release the remainder of the records. The state law also requires you to justify all deletions in writing by citing specific statutory exemptions.

I request that all fees for copies be waived. I ask for this waiver because the information obtained under this request will be used in the public interest and is "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is primarily in the commercial interest of myself or the news organization I represent, as defined under RSMo 610.026 1.(1) I expect that copies will be provided as quickly as possible, but at least within (3) working days of your receipt of my request.

If documents may be provided more easily or at less expense electronically, please provide them in that format. If the cost of the requested records is expected to exceed \$20, please contact me before proceeding.

Please respond to fax number: 417-837-1381 or email me at gbologna@news-leader.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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To Carol
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April 13, 2017

Mr. Giacomo Bologna
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Springfield, MO 65807
gbologna@news-leader.com

Sent By Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Bologna:

This letter will respond to your email which was dated April 11, 2017, and was received by me that day.

Your email requests certain public records pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Statute. Your email requests the following:

“Any records of payments made to either John Harvill or his company, Personnel Research, Inc., between 1980 and 2006. Harvill used to do polygraph examinations for the school district, and I am attempting to find an accurate number of how many times he did polygraph tests for the school district.”

The term “public records” is defined in Section 610.010(6) RSMo. as follows:

(6) “Public record,” *any record*, whether written or electronically stored, retained by or of any public governmental body including any report, survey, memorandum, or other document or study prepared and presented to the public governmental body by a consultant or other professional service paid for in whole or in part by public funds, including records created or maintained by private contractors under an agreement with a public governmental body or on behalf of a public governmental body; provided, however, that personally identifiable student records maintained by public educational institutions shall be open for inspection by the parents, guardian or other custodian of students under the age of eighteen years and by the parents, guardian or other custodian and the student if the student is over the age of eighteen years. The term “public record” shall not include any internal memorandum or letter received or prepared by or on behalf of a member of a public governmental body consisting of advice, opinions and recommendations in connection with the deliberative decision-making process of said body, unless such records are retained by the public governmental body or presented at a public meeting. Any document or study prepared for a public

governmental body by a consultant or other professional service as describe in this subdivision shall be retained by the public governmental body in the same manner as any other public record.” [emphasis added]

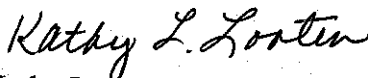
With this information in mind, the District provides you with the following response concerning your request for public documents.

Response To Your Request

We are unable to provide any records of payments to this possible vendor from this time period. Accounts payable records are destroyed per the Missouri Secretary of State's General Records Retention Schedule, therefore, accounts payable records from this time period have been destroyed.

Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,



Kathy Looten
Executive Office Liaison/Records Custodian

cc: Ransom A Ellis, III