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Dear Mr. Archambeau:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of information Act. Your request was received on March 22.

On March 29, our agency sought a five-day extension until April 5.

You have requested a variety of documents related to Pecatonica High School’s plan to contract with a licensed commercial driver training school. Our responses to your requests are as follows:

Request 1: What is the total yearly budget for Pecatonica High School for each of fiscal years 2009-10; 2010-11; and 2011-12, respectively?

Response 1: The agency does not collect school/building budgets. The district’s “Annual School District Budgets” for the requested fiscal years are posted on the Illinois State Board of Education website at ftp://ftpfinance.isbe.net/SDB. A budget summary is available on pages 2 and 3 of each year’s form. Also note, the “School District Annual Financial Report” for FY10 is available at ftp://ftpfinance.isbe.net/AFR. See page 26 for a summary of driver education.

Request 2: What is the total yearly budget for Driver Education for each of those same fiscal years?

Response 2: Please see response 1.

Request 3: What is the total amount of state reimbursement for Driver Education for each of those same fiscal years?

Response 3: The attached document (12-292-archambeau-doc1.pdf) is provided in response to this request.

Request 4: What is the total amount of student fees gathered for Driver Education for each of those same fiscal years?
Response 4: Please see the Revenue Account 1970 on the forms listed in Response 1.

Request 5: How many student fees for Driver Education were "waived" for each of those same fiscal years due to a student who met the state "free and reduced lunch" requirements?

Response 5: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 6: What is the "property tax revenue" dollar amount that the Pecatonica School District has calculated for each class per credit hour? In other words, if a Math class is a (4) credit hour class, what is the average dollar amount generated from property taxes that the Pecatonica School District CUSD #321 uses to pay for that class (per credit hour)?

Response 6: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 7: Provide a list of all student fees that are paid by Pecatonica students and their parents for all courses including athletics and extracurricular activities. Please list the “highest” student fee and what that fee is being used for, down to the “least” amount.

Response 7: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 8: Out of the total (100%) of the overall Pecatonica High School budget, what percent does Driver Education make up of that overall 100% budget in each of the fiscal years listed above (2009-10; 2010-11; and 2011-12)?

Response 8: Please see Response 1.

Request 9: What is the average “mean” cost of a typical house in the Pecatonica School District CUSD #321?

Response 9: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 10: Based on the equalized assessed valuation of the average cost of a house in the Pecatonica School District boundaries, if Driver Education is contracted out to a commercial driver training school, how much money would be rebated to each household in the district? In other words, how much money would be rebated to homeowners based on every hundred thousand dollars that a home is worth? Please give these 3 examples:

1. A homeowner owning a residence worth $100k would be rebated “X” amount
2. A homeowner owning a residence worth $200k would be rebated “X” amount
3. A homeowner owning a residence worth $300k would be rebated “X” amount
Response 10: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 11: How does Pecatonica CUSD #321 plan on notifying homeowners when and how this rebate of property taxes will take place?

Response 11: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 12: What will it cost Pecatonica CUSD #321 to contract out the “classroom phase” of driver education to a commercial driver training school?

Response 12: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 13: Please provide an itemized list of all pertinent costs of the commercial driver training school that is being used for contracting out the classroom phase of driver education. Please separate instructor salaries, benefits, and owner profits from other costs.

Response 13: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 14: What will it cost Pecatonica CUSD #321 to contract out the “driving phase” of driver education to a commercial driver training school?

Response 14: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 15: Please provide an itemized list of all pertinent costs of the commercial driver training school that is being used for contracting out the driving phase of driver education. Please separate instructor salaries, benefits, and owner profits from other costs.

Response 15: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 16: If Pecatonica CUSD #321 elects to contract out driver education to a commercial driver training school, what will be the student fee charged to each student and their parents?

Response 16: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 17: What criteria were used by the Pecatonica School District CUSD #321 staff to determine what the student fee for driver education should be when the district considered contracting out the state mandated driver education course to a commercial driver training school?

Response 17: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.
Request 18: Please provide a detailed cost analysis of how much money Pecatonica School District CUSD #321 will save by contracting out driver education to a commercial driver training school.

Response 18: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 19: Please provide a copy of the classroom and driving curriculums including all learner outcomes that students will be taught under if Pecatonica School District CUSD #321 contracts driver education with a commercial driver training school.

Response 19: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 20: Please provide all proposals between Pecatonica School District CUSD #321 and all commercial driver training schools including the name of each commercial driver school for the purpose of contracting out driver education with the school district.

Response 20: Our agency does not possess this information. You are encouraged to contact the Pecatonica School District directly.

Request 21: Please provide a copy of any contract that is being considered between Pecatonica CUSD #321 and any commercial driver training school for the purpose of meeting the state mandate to provide driver education to district students.

Response 21: The district’s “Annual Statement of Affairs” is posted at ftp://ftpfinance.isbe.net/ASP/ASA11/. This form does include a listing of payments made annually within specified expenditure ranges.

Request 22: Please provide all letters, emails, and any other written correspondence between all Pecatonica CUSD #321 administrators, including staff members, and (A) any commercial driver training school owners, administrators, or employees, (B) ISBE administrators or staff, and (C) Illinois Secretary of State (ISOS) personnel with regard to contracting out driver education to a commercial driver training school.

Response 22: The attached documents (12-292-archambeau-doc2.pdf through 12-292-archambeau-doc5a.pdf) are provided in response to this request.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

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Attachments