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July 14, 2011

Ms. Anne Borsa
FOIA Officer
Bedford Park District
6700 South 78th Avenue
Bedford Park, Illinois 60501

RE: FOIA Preauthorization – 2011 PAC 14871

Dear Ms. Borsa:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Bedford Park District of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information to [REDACTED] pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2010). Specifically, [REDACTED] requested records involving a "[d]escription of the relationship between the [District] and [REDACTED] regarding payments made * * * and any and all agreements between [the District] and [REDACTED]" The District sought to withhold payroll record information responsive to [REDACTED] request pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

You confirmed in a telephone conversation on July 13, 2011, that the payroll record information is "personal financial information" related to [REDACTED]. Personal financial information is private information that is exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. See 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), 7(1)(b). Use of the section 7(1)(b) exemption to deny disclosure of information does not require pre-approval from our office, and we decline to consider at this time whether the District's use of the section 7(1)(b) exemption is appropriate. You also confirmed that the District does not have any records related to an agreement between the District and [REDACTED] because no agreement exists.

As such, you may issue a proper denial letter directly to [REDACTED]. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

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Very truly yours,

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