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Dr. Joyce Kleinaitis and Lori Bialczak
Chicago Ridge School District #127.5
61335 W. 108th Street
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 6758

Dear Dr. Kleinaitis and Ms. Bialczak:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Chicago Ridge School District (School District) of its intention to deny certain information contained in legal fee billings as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, (FOIA) 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. The School District is seeking to redact the initials of students, personnel and community members contained in the law firm's billing records.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as "the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.*

The School District's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the initials of students, personnel and community members is approved. We have determined that the potential disclosure of the identity of these individuals would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5206. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
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Chief Deputy Public Access Counselor

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