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Scott Thompson
FOIA Officer
580 N. 1st Bank Dr.
Palatine, Illinois 60067

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2010 PAC 10246

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have reviewed Community Consolidated School District 15's pre-authorization request and associated documents concerning [REDACTED] Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. Specifically, [REDACTED] requested the following: "All documents including emails between board members and/or administrators regarding the Special Board meeting of August 24, 2010. Also include any costs of attorney fees related to the issues considered at the meeting." The School District denied [REDACTED] request in part; it asserts that the "Board President's personal notes from the August 24th closed session Board meeting" in which opinions were expressed and policies or actions were formulated" are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)

Section 7(1)(f) exempts from inspection and copying, preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." *Id.*

We conclude that the School District has satisfied its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld information falls within the purview of Section 7(1)(f). The withheld information consists of personal notes of the Board's President and, thus, are subject to the exemption under Section 7(1)(f).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 814-5044. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

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