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December 27, 2010

Ms. Wendy Douglas
FOIA Officer
Hinsdale Township High School District 86
5500 S. Grant Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11407
FOIA Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Douglas:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Hinsdale Township High School District 86 of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On December 10, 2010, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the District for “1. Financial Planning Report 2010 by PMA” and “2. A spreadsheet, chart(s), or relevant documents that corroborate the data and calculations use to arrive at project total compensation increases of 2.4 percent in year one and 3.6 percent in year two in the collective bargaining agreement announced 11/29/10.”

In its written notice, the District asserts that a document contained within the requested records is a record used to formulate policies or actions and has been withheld from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Determination

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies 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.”

The District’s use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the withheld document is **approved**. After review, our office has determined that the withheld document is part of the policy formulation process. Further, the District has indicated that the document has not been publicly cited by the head of the District. Accordingly, the District has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld document is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 1-877-299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

cc:



Cara Smith
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