Subject: Nelson PIA Request / PIA / Collin CCCD

**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11:28:10 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Rebecca Bradley
To: Kristopher Nelson

**CC:** Susan Brendemihl, Laura Davidson

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## Good afternoon Mr. Nelson:

This Firm represents the Collin County Community College District ("Collin College" or "College") is in receipt of your request for information dated January 28, 2021 and received January 29, 2021 ("Request") in which you requested the following information:

- 1. "All public information already in electronic form, including emails, in which Collin College faculty (including adjunct faculty) or staff, or other individuals writing on behalf of Collin College faculty (including adjunct faculty) or staff advocate for or against measures to be taken because of COVID-19 (including, e.g., COVID, coronavirus, or pandemic), and dated after January 1, 2021.
- 2. All public information already in electronic form, including emails, discussing communications or actions by or for Collin College faculty (including adjuncts) or staff, or other individuals writing on behalf of Collin College faculty (including adjunct faculty) or staff advocating for or against measures to be taken because of COVID-19 (including, e.g., COVID, coronavirus, or pandemic), and dated after January 1, 2021.
- 3. All public information already in electronic form, including e-mails, involving negative employment actions or contract nonrenewal for Collin College faculty (including adjunct faculty) or staff in relation to COVID-19 (including, e.g., COVID, coronavirus, or pandemic) in any form, including because of advocacy for online versus in-person teaching, and dated after January 1, 2021."

The College also received your fee waiver request referencing 552.267 of the Texas Public Information Act ("TPIA"). Under the TPIA, the determination of whether providing information is in the "public interest" rests solely with the governmental body whose records are requested. The College has determined that the records requested are not in the public's interest and, therefore, will not waive or reduce any charges allocated to this Request.

Pursuant to Section 552.222(b) of the Texas Public Information Act, the College asks that you clarify and/or narrow the scope of your Request as it is overly broad and would require the College to expend substantial resources and personnel time to search for information that may or may not be responsive to the Request. Please note that the College is not inquiring into the purpose for which the information your Request will be used. Specifically, the College requests that you:

- Please clarify what specific documents other than emails you are seeking in your Request items #1, 2 and 3 for "all public information";
- 2. Please narrow your Request items #1, 2, and 3 regarding emails to include only emails that are to/from a narrow range of specific individuals such as *between* named sender and receiver and provide key search terms; and
- 2. Suggest other ways that your Request could be narrowed or clarified to assist in locating responsive records.

The additional information, clarification and narrowing you provide will assist the College with efficiently searching and locating potentially responsive documents to your Request and may significantly reduce the

costs charged to you.

Additionally, some of the information responsive to your Request may be protected from disclosure in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act ("TPIA"). You stated in your Request that you agreed to the redaction of information that is subject to both mandatory and discretionary exceptions. Therefore, the College will redact any and all information it believes confidential in accordance with the TPIA without the necessity of a request to the Texas Attorney General. Confidential information may include, but is not limited to, attorney-client privilege, attorney-work product, confidential personnel information and/or witness/informer information, as well as any FERPA information.

Once we receive clarification as stated above, we will begin processing your Request(s) and provide an estimated date of completion and costs, if applicable. Additionally, if required, we will proceed with a request to the Texas Attorney General. Please be advised that you must respond to this request for clarification in accordance with Section 552.222(d) of the Act. If you do not respond in writing to this inquiry by the 61st day after the date this request for clarification and/or narrowing of the scope of your request is sent, your Request will be considered withdrawn. Please be advised that upon receipt of a clarification, all timelines restart pursuant to the TPIA.

Thank you for your anticipated response."

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