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August 29, 2013

J. Michael Clára
974 South 1400 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

Dear Mr. Clára:

I have been forwarded your GRAMA request of August 19, 2013, to Janet Roberts. Specifically you requested:

- A copy of all records (a book, letter, document, paper, map, plan, photograph, film, card, tape recording, electronic data, or other documentary material regardless of physical form or characteristics) in reference to the Salt Lake City School District's involvement with the Smart Schools Program i.e. grant application process, District's financial obligation, what part of the budget covers the District's matching funds for this grant, any and all correspondence etc.

Attached you will find a copy of an email and supporting documents that respond to your request.

As you are aware, Utah State Code 63G-2-203 states a governmental entity may charge a reasonable fee to cover the governmental entity's actual cost of providing a record. Accordingly, Salt Lake City School District's Administrative Procedures 1d states that "Fees will be charged for photocopying information at the rate of 20 cents per copy. " Per your request we are granting a waiver of copy costs.

Sincerely,

Allison P. Sisam
Business Coordinator

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From: Janet Roberts
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 9:36 AM
To: Kristi Swett; Heather Bennett; Doug Nelson; Rosemary Emery; Michael Clára ; Laurel Young; Tiffany Sandberg
Cc: McKell Withers; Julie Atwood; Patrick Garcia; Allison Sisam; jrobson@fabianlaw.com
Subject: RE: Smart School Technology Program
Attachments: Newman Elementary.pdf

Dear Board Members:

Rather than a routine phone call or email request, a board member made a formal GRAMA request for information about the Smart School Technology Program. I am providing the information to all board members below.

With the limited State resources and anticipated number of districts that said they would apply for these funds, we did not submit an initial application for the Smart School Technology Program. It was a surprise to learn of a second round of funding. To ensure that the second round of applicant schools could be up and running with the program near the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, USOE instituted the following schedule:

- July 15, 2013 – Application released to all districts and charter schools
- July 26, 2013 – All applications were due to USOE
- July 29-31, 2013 – Applications were reviewed and verified
- August 1, 2013 – List of additional participating schools finalized
- August 2, 2013 – Utah State Board of Education approved the additional schools to participate in the Smart School program.

USOE was aware that districts and schools would need additional time to finalize all the internal approvals for participation in the program. However, the applications required approval by the Utah State Board of Education in order to move forward with the final approval process by the districts and schools, and begin the work with iSchool Campus to implement the process.

SB284 requires:

92 (8) (a) A school within a school district, with the approval of the local school board, or
93 a charter school, may submit an application to the State Board of Education to participate in the
94 program.

It was anticipated that approval by our school board would happen when the approval for the funds were included in the Purchasing Report. A district can withdraw from the program at any time prior to signing the final agreement with iSchool Campus, the technology provider for the program.

In regards to the funding, as you remember from our budget discussions, the property tax increase was in the General Fund. Funds for this equipment purchase will come from carryover district technology funds in the Capital Fund. Capital Funds are an appropriate source for this type of expenditure and could not be used for the budget shortfall. The funds the district will collect from the property tax increase that was approved by the board will not and have never been considered for this expenditure.

Attached please find a copy of the grant that was submitted by Julie Atwood, Director of Educational Technology/Elementary School Support Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator