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**VIA EMAIL:** [paulsroka65@aol.com](mailto:paulsroka65@aol.com)

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**RE: STO-ROX SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Sroka:

Please be advised that this law firm represents the Sto-Rox School District ("School District"). The Open Records Officer for the School District received four (4) Right-to-Know request from you on September 8, 2023. An initial response was sent on September 12, 2023. This letter constitutes the final response to your requests under the Right-to-Know Law ("RTKL"), 65 P.S. § 67.901.

Your request for records has been granted in part and denied in part. I will address each of your requests individually below.

1. **Copies of all legal bills from the school district solicitor for the time period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. All redactions made for any personnel related items. Include a monthly summary of the bill amount.** Your request has been granted; however, to the extent that these invoices contain confidential information that is protected by attorney-client privilege and the attorney-work product doctrine, that information has been redacted because it is not a public record subject to the RTKL. 65 P.S. §67.102. *See Levy v. Senate of Pennsylvania* 65 A.3d 361, 373 (Pa. 2013). These redactions constitute a denial of a portion of your request. 65 P.S. §67.706. Your requested records are attached.
2. **Copies of all 3rd party contracts with an individual or agency providing services to the Sto-Rox School District for the Time period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Include compensation and description of services rendered.** Your request is granted. However, two of the contracts concern school security. Accordingly, the security contracts have been partially redacted pursuant 67.708(b)(3) with regard to the specific details concerning the safety and the physical security of a building. The records are attached in three (3) separate PDF files broken down by school year and first letter of the third-party individual/agency.
3. **Copy of the Superintendent Megan Van Fossan's contract signed approximately in July 2022. Include all items or terms of the contract including financial aspects of the agreement.** Your request has been granted and the record is attached; however, the

superintendent's home address is redacted because it is protected by the constitutional right to privacy. *See Pa. State Educ. Ass'n v. Pa. Dep't of Community & Econ. Dev.*, et al., 148 A.3d 142 (Pa. 2016). The record is attached.

4. **Copy of all school credit card charges on the district's credit card or P-Card. Include statements and names of individuals making these charges if available as well as a description of service or item purchased.** Your request for a copy of all school credit card charges on the district's credit card or P-Card is granted. Additionally, the attached records include transaction descriptions. However, your request concerning the names of the individuals making these charges is denied because the records do not exist. Your request is denied under Section 705, which specifies that an agency shall not be required to create a document that does not exist. 65 P.S. §§ 67.708(b)(7)(iv) & (10)(i)(A), 705. The records are attached.

You have a right to appeal any denial of information in writing to Liz Wagenseller, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within fifteen (15) business days of the date the final response was due to you, as outlined in Section 1101. Please note that a copy of your original Right-to-Know request and the School District's complete response must be included when filing an appeal. The law requires that you state the reasons why the record is a public record and address the reasons the School District denied your request.

Very truly yours,



Danielle Guarascio

Attachments

cc: Megan Van Fossan, Superintendent, Sto-Rox School District (via e-mail)