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Delivered via U.S. Mail

Mr. Christopher Ripke
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Re: Records Request

Dear Mr. Ripke:

The Washoe County School District ("District") is in receipt of your records request dated March 29, 2012, in which you have requested the following information:

1. How many reports have been filed, by each school, for each school year, reporting the use of restraint or aversive interventions since the law requiring such reports was passed in 1999;
2. Indicate which of those reports were permissible versus non-permissible restraints; and
3. The number of times seclusion rooms were used for people with disabilities.

Although we appreciate the offer to assist in reviewing the records, please understand that due to the confidential nature of student records, only District employees and/or the student's parent/guardian may have access. Confidentiality of student educational records is part of the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA).

Pursuant to NRS 239.0107(c)(1), I am writing to advise you that the District anticipates having those records available not later than May 4, 2012. See, NRS 239.0107(c)(2). I will forward the records to you on or before that date.

Sincerely,

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May 3, 2012

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Re: Records Request

Dear Mr. Ripke:

In response to your records request dated March 29, 2012, please see below the Washoe County School District's responses for the requested information:

1. How many reports have been filed, by each school, for each school year, reporting the use of restraint or aversive interventions since the law requiring such reports was passed in 1999; and 2. Indicate which of those reports were permissible versus non-permissible restraints.

Response: The District has records beginning with the 2002-03 school year. Find the report attached hereto.

2. The number of times seclusion rooms were used for people with disabilities.

Response: The District does not track the specific details requested regarding seclusion rooms and is, therefore, unable to answer this question. Many of our special education classrooms have quiet rooms available and staff is trained in the proper use of those environments. We do not allow students to remain alone in a locked room or otherwise be blocked from leaving a room where they would be restricted alone.

Sincerely,

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