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Dr. Hamrick and Dr. Boyles,

In my submittal to the Board on January 13th, a portion of my request was for public record documents. Specifically, I asked for a copy of all open account purchases with Denver Equipment Company from January 2008 to the present and a list of select CCS personnel job titles and salaries.

While reviewing the limited data provided in your response, I found that the information for Denver Equipment Company only covered August 2010 to present. I sent an email to Dr. Boyles on March 6th with a copy to all the Board members asking for the remaining data for Denver Equipment. I also requested CCS personnel job titles and salaries for the school years 2008/09 to the present.

I waited for 30 days to receive the information but did not hear anything from CCS. I sent another email to Dr. Boyles on April 7th with a copy to all the Board members asking for an update on my request. I specifically spelled out what I was looking for and added two requests. In addition to the Denver Equipment data and the personnel lists, I requested a copy of purchases made at the NAPA auto parts stores in Boiling Springs and Shelby from January 2007 to present and purchases made with Virginia Air Distributors for the calendar years 2006 through 2008.

A few days later, I received a letter dated April 7th stating that the information requested in the March 6th email was available for pickup and that there would be a charge of \$16 each for the disks. There was no mention of the additional information requested in the April 7th email. I stopped to pick up the disks on April 10th.

I know this timeline of events is boring but it lets you folks know what a person has to go through to get information. After reviewing the information over the weekend, I found the following:

- a. The Denver Equipment Company information is still missing data from all of 2008 and only has limited 2009 data.
- b. The Virginia Air information did not include any 2006 data.
- c. The NAPA auto parts information did not include any 2007, 2008, or 2009 data.
- d. The CCS personnel titles and salaries appears to be complete.

I am requesting that CCS provide the missing data as soon as possible. It should be noted that it only took a couple of days to provide this last set of information, although incomplete. I also do not expect to have to pay for additional disks since the requests were not fulfilled correctly the first time. If the missing data is on the disks, I could not find it because the data is so jumbled. This may provide insight into why purchases have not been audited and approved properly.

Respectfully submitted,

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