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OR2017-01160

Dear Ms. Godden:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 641973 (ID# HISD-16-035).

The Hidalgo Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for information regarding coaching stipends for all district coaches during a specified time period. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You state the requested information was the subject of a previous request for a ruling, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-27949 (2016). In that ruling, we determined the district may not withhold any of the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy or the common-law physical safety exception, and the district must release the submitted information. We note the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have not changed. Thus, the district must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-27949 as a previous determination and release the information at issue in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as

was addressed in a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Groff".

Erin Groff  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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c: Requestor