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Re: Petition for Public Records Order
Oregon Department of Education
DOJ File No. 581-090-GA0054-12

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on July 3, 2012, asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of Education to provide you with an "Excel spreadsheet with email addresses for K-12 public school principals and for district superintendents throughout the state of Oregon." For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. Any person who is denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the record and determine if it may be withheld. ORS 192.450(1). The Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose records only when the agency has denied a request for the records. *See* ORS 192.450(1).

In response to your organization's original request, Jan McComb of ODE explained that ODE does not maintain a list of email addresses for K-12 principals in a separate database. However, she provided you with a web link to the state schools directory, which does include the requested email addresses.

We have conferred with Ms. McComb, who informed us that on further consultation with ODE's information technology personnel, she determined that it was feasible to pull together an Excel spreadsheet of email addresses from ODE's current database. However, because the schools are not required to submit that information, its database may not be comprehensive or up-to-date. Ms. McComb further informed us that ODE decided to waive its fee, and compiled the information into a spreadsheet which it provided to you on July 9.

Because ODE has provided to you the information responsive to your request that is currently in its custody, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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c: Jan McComb, Oregon Department of Education