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Dear Attorney Angelica:

Please accept this letter as the formal response to the May 23, 2024 appeal of Commonwealth Transparency with respect to the Malden School District's (the "District") May 21, 2024 response to Commonwealth Transparency's public records request (the "Request"). The Request sought the following materials:

- All educational credentials of Toni Mertz which meet the minimum qualifications for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Finance Accounting

Mr. Friedman appealed arguing that we have not provided any responsive documents to his request.

Response

The District has responded providing the licensure documentation it has. It is a requirement of the job to have the license that she has, which is why it was provided. It is an educational credential and speaks to some of the skills outlined as a requirement of the job. To be eligible for a license, you need to prove certain information to DESE to receive the license. The District redacted a confidential identifying number as that number is not release publicly by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. It was redacted pursuant to Exemption C. The District also redacted her home address, which is confidential under Exemption (C).

The District notes that some of the other criteria Mr. Friedman is referencing are not educational credentials, such as a driver's license. His request was specifically only for educational credentials. Beyond what was provided, the District has no other responsive documents.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Felicia