



Draper Notes

FOURTH PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST REGARDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAKE SUZY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (NO SATISFACTORY RESPONSE FROM SUPERINTENDENT OR SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY. AUDITOR GENERAL ADVISED)

MARCH 11 – APRIL 14, 2014

Email to Eugene Waldron, Jr.
Subject: Fourth Request: Public Records Request
April 14, 2014

Since I cannot get a response from the superintendent, I am forwarding the attached public information request to you for handling. It has been over one month without any type of direct answer to my four separate requests regarding the proposed Lake Suzy Leadership Academy. At this point, the superintendent is simply not responding to any of my requests. I indicated to you in an earlier email that this would happen.

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Subject: Fourth Request: Public Records Request
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2014 08:35:27 -0400

The response from Ms. Lewis on April 3, 2014, using your email account does not address in any way what I requested on the attached. A copy of the January 28, 2014, school board minutes, which was the total substance of the April 3, response, does not answer one question that I have asked. A feasibility study does not give the superintendent permission to start spending money on a proposed facility.

Take the time to read the attached carefully and provide me with responses that correlates to my specific highlighted questions. I have come to the conclusion that your replies are little more than delays in responding to a legitimate request for public information.

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The brief response from Ms. Lewis dated March 31, 2014, to my public records' request dated March 11, 2014, did not address my first item.

I find it extremely difficult to believe that no start-up costs for the Lake Suzy Leadership Academy are available to the public. Since you are suppose to be in the feasibility stage of the development of this charter school, it defies any type of logic that costs have not been discussed since your primary student population is from those students presently attending the DeSoto School District. While you may benefit from some new FTE, the majority may very well come from your existing FTE resources. This means that you may very well be drawing resources from the district's existing schools to support the start-up and operation of a charter school. With all the public promotion coming from your office, it would be difficult at this stage to indicate to interested parents that the district cannot afford the costs of the new charter school. **The only way you would know if you can afford the costs of start-up and operation is to have an estimate of the costs. This is what I am requesting.**

Again, what are the projected costs for the start-up and operation of the Lake Suzy Leadership Academy? Another question that you are avoiding is how much taxpayer money has already been spent in the preparation of the actual facility, previously known as the Laurel Oaks Academy, for this new charter school? As you should know, you cannot spent public money on a private facility for use as a charter school that has not been approved by the school board. I have seen no such approval on the school board agenda.

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