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Data Practices Responsible Authority  
Minnesota Department of Education  
1500 Highway 36 West  
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Dear Responsible Authority,

I am requesting access to government data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13). Through this request, I am seeking to inspect and/or copy public data created, produced, received, transmitted, and/or maintained by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) that involves correspondence between the Commissioner of MDE and any assistant commissioners of MDE, as well as personnel of any agency of the federal government, from January 1, 2013 to June 19, 2014 regarding the following:

- 1a. The types of Minnesota student data shared with agencies of the federal government and/or private contractors as part of Minnesota's participation in elements of the "Common Core" curriculum program;
- 1b. The types of Minnesota student data shared with agencies of the federal government as part of Minnesota's receipt of federal grant monies;
- 1c. The uses to which agencies of the federal government and/or private contractors put - or intend to put - Minnesota student data collected through Minnesota's participation in the above listed programs or activities.

I am also seeking to inspect and/or copy public data produced and/or maintained by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and any assistant commissioners of MDE from January 1, 2013 to June 19, 2014 that is inclusive of the following:

- 2a. Any and all data that document the types of Minnesota student data shared with

agencies of the federal government and/or private contractors as part of Minnesota's participation in elements of the "Common Core" curriculum program;

2b. Any and all data that document the types of Minnesota student data shared with agencies of the federal government as part of Minnesota's receipt of federal grant monies;

2c. Any and all data that document the uses to which agencies of the federal government and/or private contractors put - or intend to put - Minnesota student data collected through Minnesota's participation in the above listed programs or activities.

I am also seeking to inspect and/or copy public data created, produced, received, transmitted, and/or maintained by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and any assistant commissioners of MDE from January 1, 2013 to June 19, 2014 that is inclusive of the following:

3a. Plans, proposals, and/or memoranda that would describe the current participation of the state of Minnesota and/or Minnesota educational institutions in the "Common Core" curriculum program.

3b. Plans, proposals, and/or memoranda that would describe any future participation of the state of Minnesota and/or Minnesota educational institutions in the "Common Core" curriculum program.

If responsive data are found, I would first like the opportunity to inspect such data, prior to identifying specific sub-sets of data to copy.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending the resolution of its status.

As required by section 13.03, Subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of my request is not granted, you certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial was based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications regarding the scope of this request. I can be reached at 651-335-2037, or [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

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