



# LOBBYISTS FOR CITIZENS

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- [Delivered by email to swilliamson@fhevs.org](mailto:swilliamson@fhevs.org)

Ms. Sherry Williamson  
Auburn Career Center  
8221 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, Ohio 44077

Re: Ohio Open Record Law Request for Auburn Career Center

Dear Ms. Williamson:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Open Records Law ORC 149.43 B (1), Lobbyists for Citizens requests from the Auburn Career Center access to and a copy of the following records within a reasonable time period:

1. All invoices paid for legal services for the 12-year lawsuit between Career and Technical Association (CATA) and Auburn Career Center.
2. We received the press release from McGown / Markling Attorneys at Law dated 2/18/24. We can see that \$1,486,045.78 of taxpayers' funds have been set aside in an account to pay for the settlement of the judgment awarded CATA. Our goal is to determine how many taxpayers' funds have been used to pay for the legal fees in this longest running public school lawsuit in Ohio's history. If you can give us the total legal fees to date, you can forgo sending the copies of the invoices.
3. We have been informed that the initial requests from the teachers totaled \$150,000, is that correct? Please provide a copy of the original request from the teachers.

Public record means records kept by any public office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, village, township, and school district units. ORC 149.43 (A)(1).

If this request is denied you are required to provide a written statement of the grounds for such denial. Such statement shall cite the specific provision of law under which access is denied and shall be furnished to the requester no later than the end of the third business day following the date that the request for the statement is received. ORC 149.43 (B)(3).

Any reasonably segregable portion of a record otherwise exempt from disclosure is required to be made available after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. ORC 149.43

If any fee is to be charged for copying the requested records, please notify us in advance if the expected cost is likely to exceed \$10.00.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification, please contact us immediately at (440) 479-7061 or [LobbyistsforCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LobbyistsforCitizens@gmail.com).

Very respectfully,



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Brian Massie  
Executive Director