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**To Whom It May Concern:**

The enclosed information comprises, in my opinion, what was requested in Mr. Dorr's letter of December 31, concerning financial and other data of the Ponca School District. All of what we have provided is public information and is available to anyone who asks.

There are two requests that I believe do not fall under public disclosure and we are not required to respond, but the following comments are made:

Neither Ponca Public School nor its administrators have received or been offered any gratuities, cash, or contributions in regard to this or any other construction projects.

Discussions have been made with the teaching staff regarding appropriate regarding campaign practices. No written memos were given, but these discussions took place at faculty meetings. The school board members have received information from the Nebraska Association of School Boards as to what their role is and what is appropriate for them to do during an election campaign.

There are two other requests that we do not have any information to provide. There has never been a written report from any structural engineer concerning the current high school building. A structural engineer has visited the building on several occasions and verbally told me the building was safe, but we have nothing in writing from him. Secondly, we have never requested any cost estimates for repairing the high school building. Our architect has stated that in his experience, remodeling is often more expensive than building new, but there are no figures on what remodeling costs would be.

Ponca Public School's legal counsel is the firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase, & Gessford of Lincoln, Nebraska. Their phone number is (402) 476-9200 and the primary attorney with whom we work is Rex Schultze.