

Date

Name
Superintendent
School District
Street
City, state, zip code

Dear Superintendent LAST NAME HERE,

Last November you received a letter from Brett Davis, a policy analyst at the Evergreen Freedom Foundation, requesting that you post your budget and warrants online. You responded, informing us that you would look into the matter. We appreciate your willingness to explore the possibility. We are currently following up with each school district we contacted last year, and would like to hear from you regarding your transparency efforts. What conclusions have you reached? Are there any difficulties you ran into? Are there any questions we can answer or anything that we can do to help?

We want to remind you why school district transparency is so important. Posting financial records for the public to review is a step toward building and maintaining a relationship of trust between the school administration and the community. Open, accountable policies reassure taxpayers that their money is being spent wisely and provides a way to keep an eye on public funds. According to one La Center district administrator, the school has not experienced “a single negative consequence” as a result of its transparency endeavors. For examples of what we are looking for, please reference the following Washington state school districts’ published records:

- [La Center School District](#)
- [Ritzville School District](#)

We hope you will consider posting this information online, recognizing that it will benefit all involved. If you have already published this information on your website, please send us a link. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at 360-956-3482 or e-mail me at ASTinogel@effwa.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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