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Hello,

I am requesting a copy of the last 5 years of student lunch expenses and overall debt, as well as the spending of the president of the school district's salary and yearly pay for the last 5 years, based upon the freedom of information act. <https://www.foia.gov/>. I am also asking that a formal investigation be launched per these specifications for discrepancies regarding debt of the district and pay of the president and all members of the board.

I am well within my right to request these documents as well as to request a formal investigation. I will also be reaching out to the necessary local and federal authorities to ensure these are met.

Elizabeth Bates



## Right-To-Know Response Form

**July 29, 2019**

Elizabeth Bates  
Gabrielle Bates  
VIA EMAIL ONLY TO egabriellebates@gmail.com  
RTK REQUEST #2019-114

Dear Ms. Bates:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right- To-Know law ("RTKL").

Recently, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right To Know request. Your request is denied because Luzerne County does not maintain these documents. §705 of the RTKL states that "when responding to a request for access, an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize a record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the record".

To further assist you with your request, you are likely to obtain the information you are requesting by contacting the Wyoming Valley West School District directly. They are the entity that is most likely to hold the information you are seeking.

You have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please contact Laura C. Dennis. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully,

*Laura C. Dennis, Esq.*

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