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Mr. Dan Cox
Jasper County Community Unit School District #1
609 South Lafayette Street
Newton, Illinois 62448

RE: OMA Request for Review – 2017 PAC 51019

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Public Access Bureau has received the attached Request for Review under section 3.5(a) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) (5 ILCS 120/3.5(a) (West 2016)) from Mr. John Kraft alleging that Jasper County Community Unit School District #1 (District) violated OMA in connection with its December 18, 2017, meeting. A copy of the Request for Review is attached.

Mr. Kraft's Request for Review alleged that the Board (1) failed to vote in open session to enter into a closed session, (2) failed to disclose the reason for entering into a closed session, and (3) failed to record the vote for each member on entering into a closed session, (4) entered a closed session for a reason other than those provided for in OMA, and (5) failed to record the closed session.

We have determined that further action is warranted. In order to further evaluate this matter, we request that the District, or its representative, provide copies of the notice, agenda, and minutes (draft form, if necessary) for the December 17, 2017, Board meeting for this office's confidential review, together with a detailed written response to the allegations.

As required under section 3.5(b) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/3.5(b) (West 2016)), please provide this information to our office within seven (7) business days after receipt of this letter. As we review this matter, we will notify you if we require additional records or information. Please note that under OMA, this office is required to forward a copy of any response to the requester and to provide the requester with an opportunity to reply. 5 ILCS 120/3.5(c) (West 2016). The Act also permits the Township to provide a redacted version of its response for release to the requester. Accordingly, **if you claim that any portion of your written response is confidential, please send two versions of your response letter: a**

