

December 21, 2017, 10:50am
Honorable Mayor Mike Kuhle
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Worthington, MN

Dear Mayor Kuhle;

We received a copy of the attached handout and were told that you were passing it out at recent school events. If this is a forgery and you have nothing to do with this please advise, as soon as possible. And if this is a forgery, please feel free to send us a copy of any complaint letter you submit to the Worthington police department.

Assuming it is not, we would like to make a formal request of data under Minnesota Data Practices Act 13. But before we do that we'd like to ask if you could clarify some things stated in it.

First, you stated, "Companies within Worthington and those companies considering moving here will look at our Education System as an asset and a resource first and foremost." The next sentence said that people relocating to our community will also look at our Education System as a "high priority".

When you write, "will look" in both sentences it implies a future vision. Can you comment on how such companies look at us now? We are very proud of our schools and see them as a benefit to the broader community. You are not implying that any companies or people considering such potential future activities do not already see Worthington ISD #518 as a real benefit to our community and to their family's or company's future success, are you?

Are both of these sentences generalizations or are you writing of any companies in particular? If so, consider this a public records request for a list of the names and addresses of such companies and people. Thank you.

Your fourth "will not grow" sentence implies that Worthington ISD #518 is not already a "High Quality and Vibrant Education System." If you mean this, please explain why #518 is not already a high quality educational system today.

The fifth paragraph is very confusing. You state that after bond referendums pass in other Minnesota communities their mayors - that you've heard from - say there is a "noticeable difference in economic development activities." This is rather broad and in one sense could mean nothing more than their local economic development office hired an additional staff person. That would be an economic development "activity". Then, in an incomplete sentence you concluded, "Renewed interest in company expansions!!!" Merely, renewed interest?

If passing bond referendums leads to direct company expansions and new employees hired in those communities, why don't you just say that? Your confusing language makes it appear like you want people to believe this is possible, but you really can't prove it. If you can prove it, then please consider this a public records request for a list of the names and addresses of such mayors and the communities they serve.

If you must incur any expense to meet these records request, please provide us a reasonable cost estimate prior to incurring any liability to the Worthington Citizens for Progress Committee. We will then respond accordingly. If there is not cost, please feel free to just email us back the answers to these questions. We thank you for your prompt attention to this request for responses to the pro-bond campaign material the city of Worthington is distributing.

Finally, Mayor Kuhle we are bit confused after you attended our meeting last spring with civil engineer and Duluth ISD school board member Art Johnston, where you showed warm support of our opposition to a high-priced new high school. What has changed?

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