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Hi

I would like to request the following records under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

1. The origin of the 'Central School' rule and who agreed to this – can I get a copy or a record of the agreement made between Newcestown in County Cork and the Dept. of Education when the following four schools were closed – Mount Pleasant, Murragh, Gurrane and the old school in Newcestown. Also – can we get a record of the agreed changes to this agreement since it commenced
2. The origin of the School Bus Transport scheme (or Transport Scheme for Primary & Post Primary School Children or Free Transport Scheme for Primary and Post Primary School Children) {Are these schemes all the same}, and who agreed to this – and a record of changes to these agreements since they commenced
3. The records in relation to the reasons for the changes to both of the above schemes and who signed off on confirming these changes
4. The records on how the EU rule on Irish school transport (2014) or the Farrell Grant Sparks Report (2014) influenced the decision of the Dept. to stop Primary school transport based on the distance of 3.2 kilometres from the nearest school
5. Records of alternative options looked at and records to why have they not been applied

Basically, I am trying to understand why the arrangement to provide school transport to Newcestown National School is changing – Newcestown agreed with the Dept. of Education to build a central school at the start of the 1970's and closed down 4 other schools to do this.

Please confirm you have received this email and the relevant department has been notified.

Thanks a mil

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