April 24, 2013  [e-mailed to dlboris@seiu73.org]

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Dear Mr. Boris:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 17, 2013.

You have requested the following information:

Request 1: For the 2011-2012 school year, each and every Request for Approval of 70/30 Deviation Form received, including ISBE Form 34-38A, ISBE Form 34-38B, ISBE Form 34-38C, ISBE Form 34-38D, ISBE Form 34-38E, for a lengthy list of CPS schools.

Response 1: Our agency did not receive 70/30 Deviation Forms for the school year and schools requested. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this request.

Request 2: For the 2012-2013 school year, each and every Request for Approval of 70/30 Deviation Form Received to date, including ISBE Form 34-38A, ISBE Form 34-38B, ISBE Form 34-38C, ISBE Form 34-38D, ISBE Form 34-38E, for a lengthy list of CPS Schools.

Response 2: The attached documents, 13-312-boris-doc1.pdf and 13-312-boris-doc2.pdf, are provided in response to this request. Please note that certain documents maintained by ISBE have been withheld and redacted from this response because they qualify for an exemption under 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f) as “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated...” Additionally, information that could reveal student identities as well as student group sizes of less than 10 have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

In the event you believe that you have been denied your request for public records, you may register an appeal with the Office of the Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

Request 3: For the 2011-2012 school year, each and every class size/age range deviation form (ISBE Form 34-41) for a lengthy list of CPS schools.
Response 3: Our agency did not receive class size/age range deviation forms for the school year and schools requested. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this request.

Request 4: For 2012-2013 school year, each and every class size/age range deviation form (ISBE Form 34-41) for a lengthy list of CPS schools.

Response 4: The attached documents, 13-312-boris-doc3.pdf and 13-312-boris-doc4.pdf, are provided in response to this request. Please note that certain documents maintained by ISBE have been withheld and redacted from this response because they qualify for an exemption under 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f) as “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated...” Additionally, information that could reveal student identities as well as student group sizes of less than 10 have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

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Request 5: For the 2010-2011, 2011, 2012 and 2012-2013 school years, the Illinois Special Education Profile for CPS, except instead of only a district profile, please provide information on the Illinois Special for each and every individual school impacted by closure, co-location, turnaround or relocation within said school district, compiled through the FACTS and other sources.

Response 5: School district special education profiles are available on our website at http://webprod1.isbe.net/LEAPProfile/SearchCriteria.aspx. Please note that special education profiles for individual schools as requested do not exist.

Request 6: For the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years, provide the Illinois Special Education Profile for CPS, except instead of only a district profile, please provide information on the Illinois Special for each and every individual receiving school of students currently enrolled in schools affected by closure, co-location, turnaround or relocation within said school district, compiled through FACTS and other sources.

Response 6: Please see Response 5.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments