Dear Mr. Spitzzeri:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Dec. 3, 2012.

You have requested the following documents:

Request 1: Of the candidates invited to interview for the due process hearing officer vacancies, please identify how many are attorneys.

Response 1: Our agency does not compile the statistics requested. This portion of your request is denied because the only responsive documents are the hearing officer resumes, which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (c). Once a due process hearing officer is selected for, and accepts, employment with the State, that person’s name and application may be disclosed.

An appeal of this denial may be directed to 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 2: Of the above who are attorneys, please advise: a. How many have practiced less than 5 years; b. 5-10 years; c. More than 10 but less than 15 years; d. More than 15 but less than 20 years; e. between 20-25 years; and over 25 years.

Response 2: Please see Response 1.

Request 3: Of the candidates invited to interview for the due process hearing officer vacancies, please identify how many ever worked for a school district, and for those who have: a. How many have a Type 10 certificate; b. how many have a Type 73 certificate; and c. How many have a Type 75 certificate.

Response 3: Please see Response 1.
Request 4: Of the candidates invited to interview for the due process hearing officer vacancies, please identify how many have previously worked for ISBE as a hearing officer under IDEA.

Response 4: Please see Response 1.

Request 5: Please state the total number of candidates invited to interview for the due process hearing officer vacancies, and the total number of applicants.

Response 5: The Illinois State Board of Education has received a total of 71 applications, 10 of which were not considered because the applications were either incomplete or were not received by ISBE before the 5 p.m. deadline on Nov. 15, 2012. Sixteen individuals were selected for initial interviews.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information