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ATTN: FOIA request

Dear Ms. Simhauser:

THANK YOU and for accepting this request for public records filed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and all applicable open records ordinances and laws.

According to the attached excerpt from a July 2010 Chicago Public Schools report, ISBE transmitted to CPS and its then-CEO Ron Huberman a letter stating ISBE's concerns about CPS's handling of its TAOEP grant. Under the FOIA and all applicable open records laws, please provide us with copies of:
- the referenced letter from ISBE to then CPS CEO Huberman regarding ISBE's concerns about CPS spending of TAOEP monies;
- any response from Huberman and other CPS officials regarding ISBE's stated concerns;
- any further correspondence reflecting the outcome or resolution of this issue.

This request is in the public interest and WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS. If at all possible, we need to have the requested records in hand on Monday or Tuesday at the latest. We would be glad to tailor or limit this request if that would speed release.

We hereby request a fee waiver as we are a daily newspaper publishing factual data about matters of intense public interest. We are daily news reporters on deadline and the requested records pertain to the welfare of Chicago citizens. If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to call us at 312-222-5569.

Sincerely,

David Jackson and Gary Marx
Reporters
The Chicago Tribune