July 3, 2013

Citizen with a Question

Dear Citizen:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 26, 2013.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: Within the capacity of ISBE as managers for all submitted 2012-13 SY ELL Consolidated Grant applications, please identify the numerical amount of identified program administrators who hold either a Bilingual Approval or Endorsement.

Response 1: Below is the count of how many administrators met and did not meet administrator requirements, as reported to ISBE in the 2012-2013 Consolidated Grant Applications. ISBE does not yet collect data regarding whether administrators hold the bilingual or ESL endorsement/approval, a requirement which does not apply until July 1, 2014. For individual districts, the public may search for an administrator's license and endorsement information through our public Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS): http://www.isbe.net/ELIS/default.htm.

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<th>Districts that met the administrator requirements</th>
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Total: 305 districts (2012-2013 school year)

Request 2: Within the capacity of ISBE as managers for all submitted 2012-13 SY ELL Consolidated Grant applications, please identify the numerical amount of identified program administrators who do not hold either a Bilingual Approval or Endorsement.

Response 2: Please see Response 1.

Request 3: Please provide any guidance documents, or communication that would provide guidance as to the significance of number "200" or a rational for choosing the
number "200" which is listed in Section 1.783 in the Administrative Code which has been referenced below.

Response 3: The requirement was introduced in May 2011 to the Illinois State Board of Education, and the 200 requirement was a change made in the final rule in August 2011. The board packets include an explanation of the rationale and are available on the ISBE website at the following links:


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

Sincerely,

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