March 26, 2013

Diane Benjamin

Dear Ms. Benjamin:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on March 19, 2013.

You have requested “exactly what specific information is collected for each student, their family/guardians/relatives, and any other statistics or general information collected. Also, what is done with this information after collection.”

A description of personally-identifiable information that our agency’s Student Information System collects for each student is available on our website at: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sis/html/data_elements.htm.

This data is collected for reports we are mandated to produce at the state and federal level. Many of the reports we produce are available here: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/research/Default.htm.

Our agency also uploads data to the U.S. Department of Education via the Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN) as part of the EDFacts initiative. More information on EDFacts is available here: http://www2.ed.gov/about/eders/edfacts/index.html.

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information