April 17, 2013

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Dear Mr. Strauss:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Nov. 20, 2012.

You have requested a large volume of documents regarding the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP).

On Nov. 27, our agency informed you that April 1 would be the earliest date that we could provide responsive documents.

On April 2, we provided you a CD that contained responsive documents. We also noted that there were several other responsive materials that our agency continued to review to determine if they are exempt from disclosure. We have completed our review and are providing the enclosed CD in response to your request.

Please note that documents containing “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business, and only insofar as the claim directly applies to the records requested” have been withheld or redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (g). Personal information, “the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,” has also been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (c).

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

Sincerely,
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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