Dear Ms. Lopuszanski:

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

You have requested the following information:

Request 1: Copy of Personnel Reimbursement Report and any revisions for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 filed and funds disbursed by the ISBE for Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative.

Response 1: The 2011-2012 Special Education Personnel reimbursement claim that our agency provided to you in response to your Jan. 3, 2013 FOIA request has not changed. Please note that the 2012-2013 Special Education Personnel reimbursement claim is still preliminary and will not be completed until late December. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(f), this draft document is being withheld. You are welcome to check back with our agency in December, and we will provide you the final claim.

Request 2: ALOP disbursement total and date released on behalf of Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative through the Kane County ROE.

Response 2: The attached document (14-055-lopuszanski-doc1.pdf) provides the 2012-13 Alternative Learning Opportunities payment schedule for the Kane County Regional Office of Education reimbursed in FY 14 through General State Aid. There will be 22 payments released on or before the 10th and 20th each month. Two payments have been issued to date.

Request 3: Copy of line item expenses using IDEA funding and Title I funding filed by Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

Response 3: The IDEA Expenditure reports filed by the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative may be accessed via the Financial Reimbursement Information System (FRIS) Inquiry available on our website at http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/. Special education cooperatives do not receive Title I funds directly. On the online inquiry, complete the following steps:
Choose the fiscal year
Enter Mid-Valley Sp Ed Coop RCDT 31045303061
Choose Display Projects Button
Choose IDEA Part B Flow Through – Rev Code 4620 or IDEA Part B
Preschool – Rev Code 4600
On Project Summary, Choose Expenditure Detail

Request 4: Copies of all e-mails and any form of communication from the ISBE to Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative as it relates to IDEA audit, IEP audit, and investigating the personnel reimbursement disbursements for teachers that were not highly qualified and certified in their grade level as reported to the ISBE for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 and for the current school year as it applies.

Response 4: The attached document (14-055-louszanski-doc2.pdf) is provided in response to this request.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments