February 22, 2010

Joe Gatrell

Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Dear Mr. Gatrell:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request was received 2/16/10

Request 1 – “According to School District 132, the Illinois State Board of Education questioned its spending of $779,527 in grant money from the 2005 and 2006 school years.”

Response 1 – This is an accurate statement.

Request 2 – “According to District 132, because of its response, it was able to recover $541,567 of the grant money, ‘which represented a significant savings over the original figure presented by the state.’”

Response 2 – This is an accurate statement.

Request 3 – “According to District 132, it ‘reconstructed accounting records related to 25 state and federal grants’ from 2005 and 2006 and submitted the reconstructed information to ISBE.”

Response 3 – This is an accurate statement.

Request 4 – “Please provide the titles of the grants in question and what each award was to be used for.”

Response 4 – The enclosed documents (‘Audit Adjustment Summary Report (FY05)’ and ‘Monitoring Findings Summary Report (FY06)’) contain the information you seek.

Request 5 – “Please explain why ISBE questioned how District 132 used the grants.”

Response 5 – See Response 4.
If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information