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Dear Ms. Costello:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was received 2/17/10.

You submitted a variety of questions regarding Beecher District 200U. FOIA is a method through which individuals seek access to documents. It is not intended to serve as a way to obtain answers to questions. However, in the spirit of cooperation, we are attempting to assist you.

Request 1 – “How many total students are enrolled for district 200U?”

Response 1 – Go to the following location:
http://www.isbe.net/research/xls/district_sum09.xls

Data for Beecher Dist 200U is located on line 888. The 08/09 enrollment figure (1161) is found in Column I.

Request 2 – “How many of the total students are labeled under students with a disability?”

Response 2 – Go to the following location:
http://webprod1.isbe.net/LEAPProfile/SearchCriteria1.aspx

In 07/08, 178 of the district’s 1119 students had IEPs.

Request 3 – “What is the dollar amount the school receives for a regular student? Meaning no disability”

Response 3 – In 09/10, the district receives $1570.75 per student in general state aid.

Request 4 – “What is the dollar amount the school received for a student with a disability?”
Response 4 – ISBE is not a source for this information. You are advised to direct this question to the district.

Request 5 – "What extra money is the school receiving in any form because of students with disabilities?"

Response 5 – See Response 4.

Request 6 – “What staff positions are currently in place or created in the last 3 years for students with disabilities?”

Response 6 – See Response 4.

Request 7 – “How much money is given to the district or school per student for children enrolled in a program for writing coordination skills improvement.”

Response 7 – See Response 4.

Request 8 – “I am requesting to know any other funding the district 200 U receives related to students with disabilities, funds - programs - extra staffing and the cost related expenses of any and all programs.”

Response 8 – Go to the following location:
http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/finq.asp

FRIS enables you to locate funding information for Beecher District 200U and all other Illinois districts. Go the “Help” link at the top of the page to get directions.

Request 9 – “I also need a list of how Beecher District 200U compares to other Illinois schools as far as kids enrolled getting related funds?”

Response 9 – Go to the following location:
http://webprod1.isbe.net/ILEARN/ASP/index.asp

The ILEARN enables you to compare Beecher District 200U finances with other districts in the state.

If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information