January 4, 2010

Dr. Christopher Koch  
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Attn: Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Dr. Koch:

As the Freedom of Information Act was amended as of January 1, 2010 to include an expanded definition of information accessible under the Act and a new appeal structure, I am making a follow-up request for the information necessary to complete my doctoral dissertation.

As I noted in my September, 2009 request, I am in the process of writing my doctoral dissertation on factors which affect superintendent salaries in Illinois. I have already received a good deal of data from ISBE; thank you. As I noted in my last request, two additional pieces of data are necessary for me to complete my study.

At this time, I write to request for the following information:

For each district (not aggregate data) for the 2007/08 School Year:

1. District name, District number, Superintendent name (I have this information already, but I would need it again to properly match gender and ethnicity with the appropriate district and superintendent)
2. Superintendent gender (from ISBE Statistical Profile of School Administrators)
3. Superintendent ethnicity (from ISBE Statistical Profile of School Administrators)

All data will be treated in a confidential manner and will be stored in a locked file cabinet. No findings with regard to ethnicity or gender will be reported on an individual basis; all information will be reported in aggregate form.

I would be pleased to send a copy of my full dissertation proposal, should that be of assistance to you.

I would appreciate receiving this data in electronic format – either e-mail or on a CD-ROM. I will gladly reimburse ISBE for the cost of postage should a CD-ROM prove more appropriate.
I appreciate your attention to this request and eagerly await your response so that I may move forward with my dissertation. Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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