January 29, 2010

O'Kema Lewis

Chicago, Illinois 60616-4692

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 1/20/10.

You have requested documents related to the use of Title I funds in Chicago Public Schools.

Request 1 – “I am asking for the exact allocation amount of the 1% set aside grant amount from the terms of title I - Part A as listed above and the exact expenditure amount for the 5% of the 1% that was not sent directly to the schools (School year 2008-2009) District 299.”

Response 1 – The information you seek can be located/determined by examining the documents provided in response to your November 2009 FOIA requests. A CD – which contains the original CPS application and several amendments – was mailed to you on 11/17/09.

Request 2 – “I am asking for the public details of how the 5% was distributed and all expenditure information including the District 299 documentation indicating how parents of Title I students were included in the decision of how the 5% set-aside grant funds were allotted. All information is in accordance with the terms of public law, Title I – Part A subpart one Section 1118 3. A. B. C.”

Response 2 – The source for this information would be the CPS budget – or you could contact CPS.

Request 3 – “I am also requesting the exact amount of money that District 299 was “fined” for school year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 for allowing the Title I – Part A subpart one Section 1118 Parental Involvement funds derived from the terms of Section 3. Reservations A. B. C. funds to be used to pay the expenses and up front cost of “community residents “ using the funds for their conference and training expenses. As the funds were only to be expended for parents of District 299 Title I – ESEA students per the terms of Section 1118.”
Response 3 – We have no information responsive to this request. You should direct this request to CPS.

Request 4 – “I would like a copy of the letter indicating that the ISBE informed the District that they were in violation and the exact fee’s they were fined for violating the terms of Title I – Part A subpart one Section 1118 and in closing, I would also like a copy of the last current AUDIT REPORT for District 299.”

Response 4 – We have no documents responsive to the first part of your request. You are provided a copy of the most current completed audit, which is for FY06.

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information

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