January 20, 2010

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January 15, 2010

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Officer Vanover and Coordinator Wancket,

Under the terms of the FOIA effective January 1, 2010 for 5 days accounting and in accordance with this information being used in the public interest of transparency, accountability and diversity. I am respectfully requesting the following information with this FOIA request to ISBE.

For school year 2008-2009: District 299 received $353,145,200.00 in Title I – Part A Low Income Funds a minimum of 1% of that amount is to be given to Non-Public Schools and to the Public Schools in District 299 based upon the terms of Title I – Part A subpart one Section 1118 Parental Involvement:
Section 3. Reservations Letters A.B. and C.

A. Each local educational agency (in this case District 299 Chicago) shall reserve not less than 1 percent of such agency's allocation under subpart 2 of this part to carry out this section (SECTION 1118) including promoting family literacy and parenting skills.
B. PARENTAL IN-PUT - Parents of children receiving services under this part shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved under subparagraph (A) are allotted for parental involvement activities.
C. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS: Not less than 95 percent of the funds reserved under subparagraph (A) shall be distributed to schools served under this part.
TO: ISBE FOIA OFFICER, VANOVER AND COORDINATOR, WANCKET

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.

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.

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.

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.

Respectfully requested,
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