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Dear Ms. Cartwright:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 7/14/09.

You have requested information concerning career/vocational/technical education programs over a three year period. Enclosed are documents which are responsive to your request. Your check for the amount of $24.90 was received.

Request 1 – “Reports, data and/or documents showing the total number of all Illinois students enrolled in high school career/vocational/technical education programs by career/vocational program area and any other category.”

Response 1 – See Attachment A, Chart 1.

Request 2 – “Reports, data and/or documents showing statistics that reflect the number of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who participate in career vocational education or technical education as a part of their secondary education or transition planning.”

Response 2 – See Attachment A, Chart 2.

Request 3 – “All information, reports, documents or data regarding ISBE’s provision of technical support to school district personnel and ISBE’s other methods of support or participation with individual school districts in Transition Planning for high school age students with disabilities.”

Response 3 – Information responsive to this request can be assessed at: http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/total.htm

Request 4 – “All information, reports, documents or data regarding high school age students who are enrolled in vocational/career education programs in Illinois public schools.”
Response 4 - See Attachment A, Chart 4.

Request 5 - “Lists of all of ISBE’s vocational/career/technical education policy teams, committees or other ad-hoc groups and all related written material, including meeting minutes, studies and reports.”

Response 5 - Responsive documents can be found in Attachment B.

Request 6 - “All interagency agreements involving ISBE and other entities related to the provision of Transition Planning and/or vocational/career educational programs in public schools.”

Response 6 - There are no documents responsive to this request.

Request 7 - “All ISBE documents and publications which describe Transition Planning for youth with disabilities and vocational/career educational programs, including but not limited to: brochures, fact sheets, and any other program documents, reports, summary data, statistics, budget requests, memoranda that describe such programs.”

Response 7 - There are no documents responsive to this request.

Request 8 - “All reports, correspondence, data, including but not limited to, preliminary reports, interim reports and final reports of programs, statistics and financial data that ISBE has created for federal funding agencies concerning vocational/career/technical programs and Transition Planning for youth with disabilities. Please include forms, correspondence, electronically recorded data, administrative manuals, policy statements, factual reports, inspection reports, consultant reports, and publications.”

Response 8 - Responsive documents can be found in Attachment C. Additional information can be assessed at:

http://www.isbe.net/iicc/default.htm (Please refer to Indicators, 1,2,13, and 14.)
http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/annual_partB.pdf
http://www.isbe.net/iicc/default.htm
http://webprod1.isbe.net/LEAProfile/SearchCriteria1.aspx

Request 9 - “All information, reports, documents, correspondence regarding ISBE’s advice, technical assistance or other support to Education for Employment system consortia in Illinois in regard to transition planning for special education students.”

Response 9 - Responsive documents can be found in Attachment B.

Request 10 - “All information, reports, documents, correspondence regarding any training ISBE make available to school personnel and/or Education for Employment consortia staff in regard to transition planning. Please provide information on the services/training provided during the last three years and the number of persons who received direct services and training in this area.”

Response 10 - Responsive documents can be found in Attachment B.
Request 11 – “All information, reports, documents, correspondence regarding the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 budgets for ISBE’s transition planning, career vocational education and technical education programs. In the alternative, if your annual budget is prepared by calendar year, please provide a copy of the budgets for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.”

Response 11 – 

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Responsive documents can be found in Attachment D.

Request 12 – “All information, reports, documents, correspondence regarding the total funding ISBE provides to each consortium in Illinois for the programs identified in paragraph 11. If funding is provided, we ask for a copy of the amount awarded to each consortium.”

Response 12 – Responsive documents can be found in Attachment D.

Request 13 – “Please provide and all documents that describe career vocational programs available to secondary education students with IEPs in Illinois such as brochures, fact sheets, or other descriptive elements.”

Response 13 – Responsive documents can be found in Attachment B.

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

Sincerely,

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