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Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 7/24/09.

Request 1 – “the total number of persons approved by ISBE as an educational interpreter, and a breakdown of this number”

Response 1 – The file on the enclosed diskette (interpreters counts 2009.xls) contains the requested data.

Request 2 – “the total number of persons who applied to ISBE and sought to be approved as an educational interpreter”

Response 2 – See Response 1

Request 3 – “the names of every person who is approved as an educational interpreter”

Response 3 – The file on the enclosed diskette (interpreters data 2009.xls) contains the requested data.

Request 4 – “the name and district number of every school district that employs an approved educational interpreter”

Response 4 – See Response 3.

Request 5a – “the number of deaf and hard of hearing students enrolled at Illinois schools”

Response 5a – 4126 students (codes F and G)
Request 5b – “the number of deaf and hard of hearing students in each school district that is (in) their resident schools”

Response 5b - The file on the enclosed diskette (07-08 Deafness – Hearing impaired by resident.xls) contains the requested data.

Request 5c – “the number of deaf and hard of hearing students placed in each serving district”

Response 5c - The file on the enclosed diskette (07-08 Deafness – Hearing impaired by serving.xls) contains the requested data.

Request 5d – “the number of deaf and hard of hearing students placed in each serving school”

Response 5d – Our agency does not maintain any documents responsive to this specific request.

Request 6 – “Copies of all submitted ‘Requests for Approval or Renewal as an Educational Interpreter’ with private information redacted”

Response 6 – See Response 3.

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information

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