July 13, 2009

Matt Vanover  
Spokesman, Illinois State Board of Education  
100 N. 1st Street  
Springfield, IL 62777

Dear Mr. Vanover

This is a request for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). Please make available for my inspection the following public records:

- Individual student assessment scores for all state exams (ISAT, IAA, PSAE) for every student who took these exams. Please include all of the pertinent State Report Card data collected for each student, including but not limited to individual student identification number, school attended, grade, race, low-income status and gender.
- Also include the scaled score and the passing level (academic warning, below, meets, exceeds) for all subjects for these students.
- Please provide this data for the 2006-2007, 07-08 and 08-09 school years.

As you know the state board has provided this information (absent the student individual identifier number) to the Chicago Tribune for at least five years. This year, we are requesting that you also include the individual student “identifier number.”

If you claim any portion of the above public records to be exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140, in writing please (i) identify which portion or portions you claim are exempt and the statutory provision or provisions you contend apply; (ii) set forth the reasons for your conclusion that such portion or portions are exempt; and (iii) release the remainder of such records for inspection and copying, redacting only the portion or portions you claim are exempt.

As you know, the statute requires you to respond to this request within seven working days, and failure to do so will constitute an automatic denial. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me to discuss.

Sincerely,

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