To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) I am requesting a copy of the report referred to in the Chicago Tribune article “Missing juniors: State to crack down on testing loophole” on Nov. 19, 2009. For reference below I have included a quotation and a link to the aforementioned article. Also I would like a list of schools in ROEs in Area 3 and ROE 40 that practiced the referenced policy that allowed juniors to skip testing.

Thank you.

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Quotation from Tribune article – full article at link below.

“Zurkowski presented the findings to a state testing review committee this month. The state will work with high school experts and administrators to draft the new guidelines that could take effect in spring 2011.

The state recommendations come on the heels of a Tribune analysis published last month that found 34,000 Illinois sophomores -- about 20 percent -- didn't officially advance to junior level status in 2008-09 and, therefore, didn't take the high school exam.

The state's new report used internal data to count how many of those students became seniors this fall, isolating those who essentially skipped junior year from those who dropped out or transferred out of state. The state would not provide that data to the Tribune last month.”