March 10, 2010

O'Kema Lewis
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request was received on 3/4/10.

Your request concerns ARRA funding for Chicago Public Schools.

In your request, you cite language from the recent Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit which stated the CPS did not record and track their SFSF expenditures. More specifically, you seek details on how the SFSF funds were spent.

All the information that ISBE has on this matter concerning CPS can be found on the Financial Reimbursement Inquiry System (FRIS). Go to the following location: http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/

In the yellow box, select Project Year “2009.” Then enter the RCDT code for CPS “15016299025.” Next select program code 4850 (ARRA-General State Aid - Education SFSF).

To obtain details regarding the expenditures, you will need to contact CPS as this level of detail is not reported to ISBE.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information