March 15, 2010 [e-mailed to marciga@migrationpolicy.org]

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Dear Ms. Arciga:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information which is being processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 3/11/10.

Question 1 - "What is the state definition of Limited English Proficient and what is the state definition for graduation rate purposes?"

Response 1 - The definition of LEP can be found on page three at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/sis/pdf/program_indicators.pdf

The Illinois graduation rate is outlined on page three at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/rc09_def.pdf

Question 2 - "Who gets counted as an LEP for graduation rate (i.e., only students receiving services at the time of graduation, any student who was ever an LEP, LEP students who have tested out within certain timeframe, etc)?"

Response 2 - Only students receiving services at the time of graduation are counted.

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information