To Whom It May Concern:

I work at the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, DC and I am collecting data on English Language Learners/Limited English Proficient students.

My questions are specifically related to the data reported in Illinois’ Consolidated State Performance Reports [http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/consolidated/index.html]. In the 2005-2006 report Illinois reported a Limited English Proficient (LEP) graduation rate of 63.2 and in 2006-2007 reported 69.1. Reported graduation rates are lagged one year.

What is the state definition of Limited English Proficient and what is the state definition for graduation rate purposes? 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)?

If you have any questions, please call me at the number below. Thank you for your help.

Best,
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