April 6, 2010 [e-mailed to dconrad@ilstu.edu]

Dear Ms. Conrad-Curry:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 3/29/10.

You have requested “information regarding the ACT Reading test scores for the years: 2006 – 2009. Specifically, I would like that data disaggregated by gender for each of the four types of passages included in the reading test: prose fiction, humanities, natural science, and social studies. Additionally, I am requesting that data be further disaggregated by the two question types specifically delineated by ACT: 1.) what is directly stated; and 2.) statements with implied meanings.”

ISBE does not have test score data that can be disaggregated by:

- The four types of passages:
  - Prose fiction
  - Humanities
  - Natural science
  - Social studies

- Question type:
  - What is directly stated
  - Statements with implied meanings

ACT does not provide this data to ISBE and has indicated that the requested information does not exist – except only at an individual item level. Individual item information is proprietary to ACT and they have indicated to us that it will not be released.

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information