May 10, 2010

Joe Gatrell
Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Dear Mr. Gatrell:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request was received 5/3/10.

Request 1 – “a copy of the original Race to the Top application (grant?) submitted by Calumet School District 132. This copy would be the one with the signature of Thomas Madrigal. In other words, I am requesting the copy that has not been redacted.”

Response 1 – The requested document is enclosed. You are also provided a copy of letter (dated 2/26/10) which addresses the redaction of the document.

Request 2 – “regarding ISBE employee John Perkins: his title, duties, his current salary of compensation, and tenure with ISBE. If Mr. Perkins has been with ISBE for the last five years, please provide his earnings for each of the last five years.”

Response 2 – Dr. Perkins is not an ISBE employee but serves the agency under a contract. His title is School District Liaison.

Dr. Perkins duties are listed below:

- Coordinate a school district ombudsman initiative and serve as the contact for program coordination service and site visits to school districts;
- Conduct research (and/or data management practices) in or related to school districts and share information with ISBE personnel as appropriate;
- Provide technical assistance and other support services to school district superintendents, school district senior leadership, Regional Offices of Education and institutions of higher education, etc., on fiscal, compliance and other issues; and
- Perform such other tasks as may be assigned by the State Superintendent of his designee from time to time.
Below find contract payments to Dr. Perkins during the past five years:

FY06 - $1,679.90  
FY07 - $38,653.65  
FY08 - $38,266.34  
FY09 - $63,280.00  
FY10 - $52,320.00 (through 3/31/10)

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

Sincerely,

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Matt Vanover  
Director of Public Information

Enclosures