Dear Mr. Vanover,

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140. I request that documents containing the following information be provided to me: the number of students in Chicago that are considered homeless, broken down into elementary, middle, and high school.

I would like to obtain copies of these records.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. I'm a journalism student at Loyola University and am doing a project for an investigative reporting class. I will not have a commercial or financial benefit from this request, and it will contribute to my, my classmates' and my professor's understanding of this issue. I look forward to hearing from you in writing within seven working days, as required by the Act. 5 ILCS 140(3).

Sincerely,

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