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Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter is in response to your two requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your initial request was received on 11/9/09. Your second request was received on 11/10/09.

Request 1—“The Consolidated application and all amendments for the City of Chicago School District 299 ARRA General State Aid Government SFSF Funds Project 2010-4870-00 State Voucher Number 2010-00001406 and the Actual Disbursed amount $33,590,625.58 processed by the Comptroller August 10, 2009.”

Response 1—The enclosed CD contains seven PDF files which are provided in response to your request. It contains the original CPS application along with three amendments. For each of the amendments, a separate file contains Title V information.

Note that there is separate application for FY 10 4870, other than the one page sign-off that was collected from all districts in April of 2009 for all Stabilization Funds. All funds allocated, disbursed and expended are available online via FRIS Inquiry. Specific details on expenditures should be directed to CPS.

Request 2—“information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds given and disbursed to District 299 … the complete details of the Project 2009-4850 Program (ARRA) General State Aide – Sec 18-8 give to District 299.”

Response 2—Note that while 4850 funds were made available to CPS in FY 09, no 4850 funds have been allocated to the district in FY 10. That explains why FRIS shows 4850 in FY 09, but not in FY 10.

In FY 10, only 4870 funds were allocated - which is the government portion of SFSF. There is no application for the SFSF funds because it was used to fund General State Aid.
This money is not the same as the ARRA Title I funds which were submitted through an application in e-grants but have not been approved currently. This explains why the ARRA Title I funds do not appear in FRIS at this time. Only the ARRA Title I funds follow the Title I guidance.

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

Sincerely,

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