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RE: FOIA Request for information regarding the District 299 ARRA - General State Aid Government SFSF

Good day, Information Officer Wancket,

In accordance with the standards and guidelines for a District receiving ARRA SFSF funds and the Freedom of Information Act for the State of Illinois for a response with 14 days. (extended time frame for providing information not readily available to you.)

I am requesting the following information:

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.

Disclosure of this information to me is in the public interest and 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 also share my specific explanation of why this information is of utmost importance to the "working poor citizens in Chicago, Jobs and safety is of the primary issues affecting the lives of parents and students attending schools in District 299. These dollars and how they are being used will balance the field of inquiry for those who are asking intelligent questions about these valuable dollars. It is the public's responsibility to hold those accountable responsible for the improvements that these dollars were to provide all in accordance with the specific usage for the dollars and more importantly the public's right to know the following information:

1. How they ARRA SFSA funds were allocated?
2. Who is going to benefit from the dollars?
3. Where they will be spent?
4. When did the projects start?
5. Why they are being spent on a certain project?
6. What specific projects were funded, jobs, etc.?

I look forward to a timely response. If you have questions please contact me at the numbers listed below.

Respectfully requested,

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