Illinois State Board of Education  
Mark Wancket  
FOIA Coordinator  
Delivered via e-mail on Oct. 9, 2009

Dear Mr. Wancket:

This is a request from The Chicago Tribune for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly referred to as the federal stimulus bill, local education agencies in Illinois that received stimulus funds are required to report quarterly to ISBE on the use of those funds, the number of jobs created or retained, and details on sub awards and other payments to vendors involving stimulus funds.

This is to request copies of those submissions from each LEA for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2009 as well as any summary report prepared by ISBE compiled from the quarterly submission data. If available, please provide the data requested in a computer compatible electronic format.

I am a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and believe that disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest, and will primarily benefit the general public.

Accordingly, under Section 6 (b) of the Freedom of Information Act, I request a waiver of any copying charges that your office would ordinarily impose in responding to this request. In the event that there are copying charges, I request that your office contact me before those charges exceed $20. When possible, I request that the information be provided me in electronic format.

I would like to remind you that under Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act, all non-exempt portions of any partially-exempt documents must be disclosed.

As you know, your office must respond to this request within seven working days after receipt of this request.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please call me at 312/222-3297 or email at bsecter@tribune.com My mailing address is 435 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611.

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