October 9, 2009

Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I request a copy of this public record: the student incident data regarding attacks on school personnel, firearms in schools and drug-related incidents in schools from AY 2000-2001 to AY 2007-2008.

To verify my access to the information, I am a journalism student at Northwestern University and these statistics are for academic purposes and not for commercial use.

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.

Through the Illinois State Board of Education’s website, I understand that if the report is 40 pages or less in length, it will be copied and mailed to me within seven business days. If the report exceeds 40 pages, please inform me of the duplication cost prior to sending it.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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