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Matt Vanover  
Spokesman, Illinois State Board of Education  
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Dear Mr. Vanover  

This is a FOIA request for information related to the state’s identification of persistently dangerous schools.  

Please provide the following information:  

All documents, including data sent via email, website, or paper that relates to Chicago Public Schools persistently dangerous schools identification for the last five years.  

As you know, under No Child Left Behind, the state is charged with identifying schools that are considered “persistently dangerous.” To do this, the state collects annual data from the districts/schools.  

I would like all the documentation the state has collected for CPS during the last five years.  

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.  

As you know, your office must respond to this request within seven working days after receipt of this request. But given that most of these documents are readily available, I am asking that you provide them to me immediately.  

If you have any questions, please call me at 312-222-4346 or 312-320-9085, or email me at sbanchero@tribune.com  

Sincerely,  

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