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September 10, 2009

Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777-0001
Attn: FOIA Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in the process of writing my doctoral dissertation on factors which affect superintendent salaries in Illinois. My Ed.D. program is through Aurora University, and my dissertation proposal has been approved by the University’s Institutional Review Board which examines proposals for possible ethical or human subject concerns. It found none.

I contacted Mr. Mark Hobneck in ISBE’s Data Analysis Division, and he was most helpful in providing some of the data that I am seeking. As he was unable to provide everything that I need to complete my study, I am writing with a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information:

For each district (not aggregate data) for the 2007/08 School Year:
1. District name
2. District number
3. Superintendent name
4. Locale in which the district is located (city, large; city, midsize; city, small; suburb, large; suburb, midsize; suburb, small; town, fringe; town, distant; town, remote; rural, fringe; rural, distant; or rural, remote) (based upon Urban-Centric Locale Codes)
5. Average teacher compensation (from Illinois School District Report Card)
6. Average administrator compensation (from Illinois School District Report Card)
7. District operational expenditure per pupil (from Illinois School District Report Card)
9. Superintendent gender (from ISBE Statistical Profile of School Administrators)
10. Superintendent ethnicity (from ISBE Statistical Profile of School Administrators)

All data will be treated in a confidential manner and will be stored in a locked file cabinet.
I would appreciate receiving this data in electronic format – either e-mail or on a CD-ROM. I will gladly reimburse ISBE for the cost of postage should a CD-ROM prove more appropriate.

I so appreciate your attention to this request and eagerly await your response so that I may move forward with my dissertation. Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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