Dear Mr. Vanover and Mr. Wancket,

This is a request for public information, as provided for under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (Public Law 83-1013).

Please send us the following information, as each piece of it becomes available, in an Excel or other spreadsheet format:

For each of the last three school years, through 2008-2009, for each public school in the state of Illinois that took ISAT and/or PSAE tests, please tell us:

1) the total number of students per school and per grade who took an ISAT or PSAE reading test. Please include each school’s name and unit number.
2) the total number of students per school and per grade who took an ISAT or PSAE reading test with accommodations. If possible, per school and per grade, please specify how many accommodations for the reading test were for special education vs LEP students. Please include each school’s name and unit number.
3) the total number of students per school and per grade who took an ISAT or PSAE math test. Please include each school’s name and unit number.
4) the total number of students per school and per grade who took an ISAT or PSAE math test with accommodations. If possible, per school and per grade, please specify how many accommodations for the reading test were for special education vs LEP students. Please include each school’s name and unit number.

If there is an easier or more accurate way to get at the same information, or if you have any questions about this request, please call me or my colleague, Art Golab, at 312 321 2522 so we can discuss your concerns BEFORE you fill this request.

Otherwise, please email the information to BOTH rrossi@suntimes.com and agolab@suntimes.com.

If any of this request is denied, please list the specific exemptions on which you are relying to withhold the information. As the FOIA requires, I will expect to receive the remaining, non-exempt portion.

I will pay reasonable costs for the materials. However, I request that you waive any such fees under the provision of the FOIA that permits you to do so when release of the requested information would be in the public interest. If you determine otherwise, please notify me of the costs before filling my request.

Thank you for your help in this effort.

Cordially,

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