Dear Mr. Vanover,

I would like the following information:

A-1. The names and types of grants available to colleges and universities specifically for alternative certification programs in teaching.

A-2. The amount of money owed by the state to each of these institutions for alternative certification programs.

A-3. The subject areas in which alternative certification programs are accepted by the Illinois State Board of Education as a means to certification.

A-4. The guidelines set for determining which alternative programs will be supported through state funds.

A-5. The guidelines set for determining which subject areas will be served by alternative programs.

If any of the above information sought cannot be provided, can you please state specifically why and where the information can be found?

Sincerely,

Amber Egan
Dear Mr. Vanover,

I would like the following information:

B-1. The number of current public school teachers who earned their bachelor’s degrees outside of the United States of America.

B-2. The number of current public school teachers who earned their master’s degrees outside of the United States of America.

B-3. The processes in place to confirm the accuracy of educational documentation of foreign universities and colleges.

B-4. The requirements for ESL endorsement.

B-5. The methods used to assess fluency in English for individuals seeking teaching certification whose native language is not English.

If any of the above information sought cannot be provided, can you please state specifically why and where the information can be found?

Sincerely,

Amber Egan
Dear Mr. Vanover,

I would like the following information:

C-1. Are teaching positions publically funded tracked by the Illinois State Board of Education? How?

C-2. What evidence (specifically) are school districts required to provide that a fully qualify individual could not be found to staff a teaching position?

C-3. What school districts have received educational waivers for teachers? In what subject areas were these waivers sought?

C-4. What school districts failed to retain teachers endorsed in subjects areas designated as a shortage area?

C-5. What teaching positions in Illinois public middle and high schools can be held without an endorsement in the subject area?

C-6. What are the educational and certificate requirements for special education case managers?

C-7. Do rules and/or regulations exist for educator titles? For example, can publically funded school districts create titles which are not specifically named in the Illinois Administrative Code?

C-8. Can an individual occupy and/or be listed in a position as an administrator who does not hold a type 75 teaching certificate?

C-9. Can an individual occupy and/or be listed in a position as a teacher who does not hold a teaching certificate?

If any of the above information sought cannot be provided, can you please state specifically why and where the information can be found?

Sincerely,

Amber Egan