February 4, 2011

Madeline Talbott  
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Dear Ms. Talbott:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 12/13/10.

You have requested "copies of all email and other written correspondence between any ISBE staff or member and staff or board member of the contractors who create, administer, and score the Illinois Basic Skills Test for Teachers, from August 1, 2010 to December 13, 2010."

The enclosed CD contains documents which are responsive to your request. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b), private information has been redacted.

In addition, certain preliminary communications have been identified which we consider to be exempt from disclosure. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f), documents which the agency believes fall under this exemption are currently being withheld pending further review by the Public Access Counselor within the Office of the Attorney General. As required by FOIA, a request for approval of this exemption is being forwarded to the Public Access Counselor and you will be informed of any determination made by the Public Access Counselor.

If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

Marcilene Dutton  
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure