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[e-mailed to airving@afscme31.org]

Anne Irving
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Dear Ms. Irving:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 2/3/11.

You have requested “copies of ISBE contracts or grant agreements with any of ... (six) ... Head Start providers for FY 2011 related to child care or early childhood education.”

Fiscal information concerning the six entities can be accessed at the following location on the ISBE website: http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/.

Note that in the yellow box, the default year is 2011. Type the key word/s for each entity name in the “Contains” field. For example, if you input “Rockford,” the “City of Rockford” will be listed. By clicking on the corresponding code number, you will have access to specific program information.

Of the six entities you have specified, only two – Champaign County and SIUE – have received Early Childhood Block Grants for the current fiscal year. The total number of pages of the grant applications for the two entities is 112. If you wish to receive copies of these documents, the duplication cost is $9.30 (62 pages x .15 per page). Note that there is no charge for the first 50 pages. Please direct a check to my attention - made payable to the Illinois State Board of Education. The agency’s FOIA guidelines can be found at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/htmls/foia.htm

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

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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Director of Public Information