Dear Mr. Kuster:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 2/18/11.

Request 1 – "Copies of any decisions/opinions by ISBE, since January 1, 2000 to the present, setting forth the reasons denying an application and/or contract for a charter school or the reasons affirming a local school board’s refusal to enter into a contract for a charter or the denial of a charter or revocation of a charter or non-renewal of a charter."

Response 1 – The attached file (11-230 - kuster - doc.pdf) is provided in response to your request.

Request 2 – “The evaluation report issued by ISBE to the General Assembly in 2010 pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/27A-12.”

Response 2 – The document you seek can be accessed at the following location: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/charter/pdf/charter_annual_10.pdf.

Request 3 – “The names of charter schools since January 1, 2000, that have terminated operations or whose charters have either been revoked or non-renewed.”

Response 3 – The Illinois State Board of Education does not have an existing responsive record. However, in response to your request we have compiled the following list based upon the best information currently available in our files:

1) Governors State University Charter School, Crete-Monee SD 201-U

2) Keep Every Youth Successful (KEYS) Charter School, Edwardsville CUSD 7

3) Global Village Academy Charter School, CPS District 299
4) Thomas Jefferson Charter School, CCSD 59

5) Tomorrow's Builders Charter School, East St. Louis SD 189

6) Ft. Bowman Academy Charter School, Cahokia USD 187

7) Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School (ACT), CPS District 299, (operations suspended for 2 years starting in 2010)

8) Lincoln Charter School, Venice CUSD 3

9) Nuestra America Charter High School, CPS District 299

10) Triumphant Charter School, CPS District 299

You may also wish to contact the CPS Office of New Schools ("ONS") for additional information regarding Chicago charter school closings. ONS is the division of CPS District 299 that oversees the application process for starting a new charter in Chicago and works with charter schools to ensure accountability for their agreements with the Chicago Board of Education. They can be reached at 773-553-1530.

Finally, the Center for Education Reform has published a list of Closed Charter Schools by State, which is available electronically at http://edreform.com/accountability/charters/CER_ClosedCharterSchools2009.pdf. While we do not confirm the accuracy of any information provided in this document, it may be a useful instrument to you.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Director of Public Information

Attachment