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Dear Mr. Petrungaro:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The request was received by this office on 1/26/11.

You have requested several categories of records regarding Prairie Crossing Charter School.

Request 1 – “All correspondence, documents and records concerning the distribution of all State and federal funds, payments, grants, and other financial distributions from ISBE to Prairie Crossing Charter School (“PCCS”) for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.”

Response 1 – The attached file (11-203 – Petrungaro – doc1.pdf) is provided in response to your request.

Request 10 – “All correspondence, documents and records shared between PCCS and ISBE concerning PCCS’ achievement, failure to achieve, progress towards achievement, and/or corrective actions concerning the goals, standards and assessments identified in the current charter contract.”


You can select the desired fiscal year in the dropdown box. Next, type the school name in the first Keyword textbox. The percent low income (free/reduced lunch status) is on the first page of the report card for each school.

Request 11 – “The address of every student enrolled at PCCS.”

Response 11 – We have no documents responsive to this request.
Request 13 – “All correspondence, documents and records revealing the socio-economic status of the PCCS student-body.”

Response 13 – See Response 10.

Additional documents have been located which are responsive to Requests 1 – 9, 12 and 14. The total number of papers is 2376. Your request under 5 ILCS 140/6(c) for a waiver of the costs associated with reproducing these documents is hereby denied. The duplication cost is $348.90 (2326 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.

You also have the option of reviewing documents on site in our Chicago office. If you wish to schedule a time to review these materials, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648. If you have further questions about this process, please refer to the agency’s FOIA guidelines at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/htmls/foia.htm.

Finally, please note that we have identified some responsive records that we have determined are exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). As required by FOIA, a request for approval of this exemption has been forwarded to the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) within the Office of the Attorney General, and we have withheld these documents pending completion of this review. You will be informed of any determination made by the PAC.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachment