July 6, 2010

Mr. Matt Vanover
Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

RE: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Vanover:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 to 140/11. We are requesting copies of all documents:

1. sent by District 189 East St. Louis Public Schools to ISBE concerning average daily attendance for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. prescribed by the State Board of Education under 105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(F).

We are asking for a waiver of the fees incurred for the information we seek. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act permits you to waive or reduce fees if you determine that doing so would serve the public interest. 5 ILCS 140/6(c). A “waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.” Id.

Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and is not for commercial benefit. Information obtained via this request will contribute significantly to the public understanding of attendance patterns of District 189. Therefore, it would be appropriate for you to waive any fees associated with reproducing the records we have requested. In the event that you deny our request to waive costs, please consult us in advance of copying to discuss what costs these requests may incur. If any of these documents are
available via the internet, please advise us of the proper site for downloading these documents.

Per 5 ILCS 140/3(d) we are requesting that the above documents be provided within five (5) business days after receipt of the request. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at (618) 398-0958, ext 216.

Sincerely,

Sheila Burton
Staff Attorney