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Dear Ms. Allen:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 6/13/11.

Request 1 – “The total homeless student count for the state of Illinois, school years 2009/10 and 2010/11.”

Response 1 – The total count of Illinois homeless students for 2009/2010 is available in the Illinois Consolidated State Performance Report (Indicators 1.9.1.1 and 1.9.2.1). The web link is: http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/performance_report.htm. Additionally, the National Center for Homeless Education recently released a report containing and analyzing data by state. It is available at: http://center.serve.org/nche/.

Data for 2010/2011 are not yet available.

Request 2 – “The total homeless student count for each school district in the state of Illinois, school years 2009/10 and 2010/11.”

Response 2 – Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3 (e) (vi), we seek an extension on your request for 2009/2010 numbers cannot be complied with within the time limits prescribed. The new due date will be 6/27/11.

Request 3 – “The total enrollment (all students) for each school district in the state of Illinois, school years 2009/10 and 2010/11.”

Response 3 – Enrollments by district based upon Fall Enrollment Counts for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and are available at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/fall_housing.htm. Select the District Summary links.
If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

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