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ATTN: FOIA Request

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Vanover and Mr. Wancket:

I represent the Chicago Teachers Union. This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS § 140/1 et seq. ("FOIA"). I understand that the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE") disbursed a total of $28,756,662.00 from the ARRA-Education Jobs Fund Program ("EJFP") to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("CPS") in four disbursements on November 15, 2010, January 11, 2011, March 28, 2011 and April 25, 2011.

Please provide copies of all documents related to these disbursements, as well as copies of any documents related to any similar disbursements occurring after April 25, 2011. I understand that the amounts of these disbursements were based on applications submitted by CPS to ISBE, so your response should include copies of those applications. Please include copies of any other documents showing how the amounts of the disbursements were determined, including copies of any written communications about the amounts of the disbursements.
I also understand that CPS provided documentation of its use of the EJFP funds disbursed by ISBE, showing the number and types of positions funded through EJFP funds. Please provide copies of all documents related to CPS’s use of EJFP funds, including copies of documents specifying the positions funded through EJFP funds and copies of any written communications related to CPS’s use of EJFP funds.

Lastly, please provide copies of any documentation stating the time period during which EJFP funds are available for CPS’s use.

This request is not made for the purpose of sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services. I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five business days as required by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS § 140/3(d). Please contact me with any questions. I will be glad to provide prompt payment for any copying expenses as permitted by law.

Yours truly,

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