June 30, 2011

Elaine Hopkins
Peoria, Illinois 61614

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 6/16/11.

Request 1—“All reports, documents, emails and other written records on the principal of the Peoria District 150 Quest charter school, Engin (Karata) Blackstone.”

Response 1 – See Response 2.

Request 2—“All reports, documents, emails and other written records on the Gulen movement’s connection with its schools in Illinois, namely the Quest charter school in Peoria and the Chicago Math and Science Academy.”

Response 2 – Documents totaling 1299 pages have been located which are responsive to Requests 1 and 2. The duplication cost is $187.35 (1249 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. The agency’s FOIA guidelines can be found at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/htmls/foia.htm.

In addition, we have identified several document that we consider to be exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (e) & (f). The items in question are currently being reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) within the Office of the Attorney General. You will be informed of any determination made by the PAC.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information