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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140. We are requesting information in regards to a state class complaint filed by Equip for Equality (EFE) on June 23, 2010 against Chicago Public Schools (CPS). The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) investigated this complaint and provided CPS and EFE with the results in a document dated August 20, 2010. We are requesting the following information:

1. Any documents CPS provided to ISBE in relation to the June 23, 2010 state class complaint, both in the investigation and compliance stages;
2. Any documents CPS provided to ISBE as a result of ISBE’s August 20, 2010 letter; and
3. Any documents ISBE developed as a result of EFE’s June 23, 2010 state class complaint against CPS, both in the investigation and compliance stages of the complaint.

Please forward all of the relevant documents to Lam N Ho, Equip for Equality, 20 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602.

EFE is a private not-for-profit legal advocacy organization designated by the Governor to operate the federally mandated protection and advocacy system to safeguard the rights of people with physical and mental disabilities. EFE’s mission is to “advance the human and civil rights of people with disabilities.” Because we are a not-for-profit agency serving the public and this FOIA request is in the public interest (and not for commercial or personal benefit), we request that you waive all costs pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Failure to respond to this request within seven (7) working days shall be considered a denial and we will proceed accordingly.
If you need further clarification, please contact me at (312) 895-7207 before sending the documents to my attention. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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