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Dear Mr. Takiff:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The request was received 10/13/10.

You have requested additional documents related to the HJR 24 Special Education Funding Task Force.

Request 1 – “Any and all e-mail, written correspondence, or documents sent between Tom Parrish and Beth Hanselman, Tom Parrish and Chris Koch, Tom Parrish and Deb Vespa, and Tom Parrish and Tim Imler.”

Response 1 – The enclosed CD contains documents which are responsive to this request. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a), some documents have been redacted to remove data related to student groups of less than ten as disclosure would be in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/2 (c-5), some documents have redacted to remove private information.

Request 2 – “Any and all e-mail, written correspondence, or documents sent between Beth Hanselman, Chris Koch, Deb Vespa, Tim Imler or any other ISBE staff member and the Office of Special Education Programs or other federal agencies regarding the Illinois funding formula for special education within the last three years.”

Response 2 – No documents have been located which are responsive to this request.

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

Sincerely,

Marcilene Dutton  
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure