Dear Mr. Wancket and Mr. Vanover

This is a request for public information, as provided for under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (Public Law 83-1013).

Please email us the following information in an Excel or other spreadsheet format that can manipulated:

--The list of schools and districts in the bottom five percent statewide that may be eligible for help under a new state application for federal help. Please include the location and county where the district's or school's headquarters is located, as well as their identification codes.

--Please define how you identified this "bottom five percent."

If there is an easier or more accurate way to get at the same information, or if you have any questions, please call me at 312 321 2522 or email me at rrossi@suntimes.com so we can discuss it.

If any of this request is denied, please list the specific exemptions on which you are relying to withhold the information. As the FOIA requires, I will expect to receive the remaining, non-exempt portion.

I will pay reasonable costs for the materials. However, I request that you waive any such fees under the provision of the FOIA that permits you to do so when release of the requested information would be in the public interest. If you determine otherwise, please notify me of the costs before filling my request.

Thank you for your help in this effort.

Cordially,

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