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 send us the following information, AS EACH PIECE OF IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. Please provide it in an Excel or other spreadsheet format that can manipulated:

---All 2010 Illinois school report card data for every Illinois school, every Illinois school district, and statewide.
---the record layout for the 2010 Illinois school report card.
---for ISAT and PSAE and ACT, please provide the 2010 student-by-student “scale score” for each subject test taken at each school (please include full school code) in the state of Illinois. Please provide this for all test-takers but also indicate which students are non-IEP vs IEP. If possible, for each student score, please list the race and/or ethnicity of each test-taker and whether that student counts as a free lunch, a reduced lunch or a non-free-or-reduced-lunch student.
---the cutoff score for meeting state standards for each ISAT and PSAE test given in 2009 and 2010.
---any and all audits, reports, analyses or memos relating to ISATs, PSAEs, ACTS, IMAGE or alternative assessments in the last 12 months.
---the list of schools and districts on the 2010 academic warning list and on the 2010 academic watchlist, and the criteria for landing on each list.
---the 2010 list of schools and districts not making AYP for one year, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years.

If there is an easier or more accurate way to get at the same information, or if you have any questions, please call me or my colleague, Art Golab, at 312 321 2522 or email me at rrossi@suntimes.com and agolab@suntimes.com before filling this request.

Otherwise, please zip the files and email them to agolab@suntimes.com. Then please call Art Golab or me at 312 321 2522 so we can check for receipt of the files. Or if necessary, mail the information to: Art Golab, Chicago Sun-Times, 9th floor newsroom, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60654.

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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