April 10, 2012  [e-mailed to mayoungerman@cbs.com]

Michele Youngerman  
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Dear Ms. Youngerman:

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

You have requested records pertaining to Orphanage Act Special Education 14-7.03 funding. Our response to your request is as follows:

Request 1: For each of the following school years, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, please identify the amount of 14-7.03 money received and spent by school districts in Cook, Lake, DuPage and Will Counties.

Response 1: The attached document (12-317-youngerman-doc.xlsx) is provided in response to this request. Please note that our agency does not have the 2011-2012 data as of yet because individual claims are not due until July 15.

Request 2: Please also provide details of how the 14-7.03 money was spent... For each school district (in the above counties), please provide the FACTS data available, how the 14-7.03 money was spent, for each 14-7.03 student. Please also provide details about the spending of 14-7.03 money that was not directly spent on a 14-7.03 student.

Response 2: Our agency does not collect information on how these funds are expended. We only receive an individual student claim with an amount. Details on how the claim was arrived at are retained at the local district level.

Request 3: For the same school years, please provide 14-7.03 student standings. More specifically, the number of 14-7.03 student recipients that graduated high school, the number that dropped out, the number that are behind (i.e. a child who should be a high school sophomore is still in 8th grade).

Response 3: Our agency does not collect this information. We do collect data on drop-out rates for all students with IEPs, but this information is not disaggregated by students who receive Orphanage Act funding.
If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbc.net.

Sincerely,

Marcilene Dutton
Deputy General Counsel

Attachment