April 20, 2012

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Dear Ms. Rado:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 9, 2012.

You have requested a list of “all students who took the ACT with accommodations as part of Day 1 of the 2011 Prairie State Achievement Exam,” including school and district names, gender, race, IEP status, scores, etc.

On April 16, our agency sought a five-day extension until April 23.

Please note that the information provided is for PSAE Day 1 scores only. These scores should not be presented as official ACT scores as ACT, Inc., not ISBE, releases College Reportable Scores directly to students. ISBE vouches for PSAE Day 1 scores, which may or may not appear in the ACT Graduating Class Report released by ACT, Inc.

The attached documents (12-318-rado-doc1.txt through 12-318-rado-doc4.xlsx) are provided in response to your request.

The first file provides a list of all students who took Day 1 of the PSAE with accommodations at the school-level. Identifying information has been redacted when the number of students in a column is less than 10, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

The second file provides the requested information for each student on a statewide level who took Day 1 of the PSAE with accommodations.

The third file provides the requested information at the district level for Chicago Public Schools students who received accommodations during Day 1 of the PSAE.

The fourth file provides an explanation of the accommodation types.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.
Sincerely,

Matt Vanover  
Director of Public Information

Attachments