April 19, 2012

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Dear Mr. Hannan:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 13, 2012.

You have requested a variety of End of Year data. Our response is as follows:

Request 1: Number of Truants (school year 2010 – 2011)
  o For the school year listed, please provide number of truants by these regions: Illinois (statewide), Cook County, and District 299 (Chicago).

Response 1: The attached document (12-327-hannan-doc1.xlsx) is provided in response to your request. Please note that our agency does not collect the requested data by county and does not generate county-level reports.

Request 2: Number of Chronic Truants (school year 2010 – 2011)
  o For the school year listed, please provide the number of chronic truants by these regions: Illinois (statewide), Cook County, and District 299 (Chicago).

Response 2: See Response 1.

  o Aggregate data for all race/ethnic categories, as well as disaggregated data for each category ('Hispanic or Latino,' 'American Indian or Alaska Native,' 'Asian,' 'Black or African American,' 'Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander,' 'White,' and 'Two or More Races.')
  o Please provide data by these regions: Illinois (statewide), Cook County, and District 299 (Chicago).

Response 3: See Response 1. Please note that the 2010-2011 school year was the first that our agency used the race and ethnicity codes requested. Therefore, only that year has been provided.
Request 4: Dropouts (SIS Exit codes 09, 10, 11, and 14) (School year 2010 – 2011)
- Aggregate data for all race/ethnic categories, as well as disaggregated data for each category (‘Hispanic or Latino,’ ‘American Indian or Alaska Native,’ ‘Asian,’ ‘Black or African American,’ ‘Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander,’ ‘White,’ and ‘Two or More Races.’)
- Please provide data grouped according to the grade in school (i.e., 09, 10, 11, or 12) at time of student exits.
- Please provide data by these regions: Illinois (statewide), Cook County, and District 299 (Chicago).

Response 4: See Response 1. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a), cell sizes less than 10 have been redacted. Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

- Aggregate data for all race/ethnic categories, as well as disaggregated data for each category (‘Hispanic or Latino,’ ‘American Indian or Alaska Native,’ ‘Asian,’ ‘Black or African American,’ ‘Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander,’ ‘White,’ and ‘Two or More Races.’)
- Please provide data for high school grade levels (i.e., 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Please provide data by these regions: Illinois (statewide), Cook County, and District 299 (Chicago).


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

Sincerely,

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Attachments