May 3, 2012  

Brian Brueggemann  
Belleville News-Democrat  

Dear Mr. Brueggemann:  

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 26, 2012.  

You have requested the following records:  

Request 1: Copies of any documents, reports or correspondence, including emails, relating to the possible dissolution of the East St. Louis District 189 Board of Education.  

Response 1: On May 1, our agency provided you a copy of a notice of termination letter dated April 27 that was sent to East St. Louis District 189. No other records exist.  

Request 2: Please provide any records or information indicating times and dates when the Illinois State Board of Education has had correspondence or conversations with the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, or its representatives.  

Response 2: According to ISBE General Counsel Darren Resiberg’s calendar, a conference call took place at 11 a.m. July 18, 2011 between Reisberg, Steve Wigginton, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, and Courtney Cox. A copy of the calendar page is attached (12-343-brueggemann-doc1.pdf).  

Request 3: Please provide copies of any correspondence or information you provide, or have provided, in response to the Freedom of Information Act request filed with ISBE on April 3 by Wayne Washington of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.  

Response 3: The attached documents (12-343-brueggemann-doc2.pdf and 12-343-brueggemann-doc3.pdf) are provided in response to your request. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (l) (b), private information has been redacted.  

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

Sincerely,
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments