August 22, 2011

Matt Vanover
Freedom of Information Officer
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

The Illinois Policy Institute hereby requests that the Illinois State Board of Education produce the following public records pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 140/1 et seq.:

1. Please provide documents detailing the total expenditures and enrollment in the “Preschool for All” program from the state fiscal year of implementation through state fiscal year 2011.

If possible, please provide the response in electronic form by email (amanda@illinoispolicy.org).

Please produce the requested record(s) to Amanda Griffin-Johnson, 190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1630, Chicago, IL 60603 within five (5) working days of your receipt of this request (Ill. Comp Stat. Ann. 140/3(c)). If the requested record(s) cannot be produced within five (5) working days, please notify us in writing of the reason(s) for the delay and the date by which the requested record(s) will be available.

The Illinois Policy Institute requests that the above-referenced records be furnished without charge pursuant to 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6. The Illinois Policy Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that seeks to promote transparency in government and to examine effective market-based solutions to the public policy challenges of our state. The principal purpose of this request is to enable the Illinois Policy Institute to access and analyze the requested information, then disseminate the results of the findings to the public. Waiver or reduction of the fee is therefore in the public interest, as the principle purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare, and legal rights of the public in general. We do not make this request for the principal purpose of securing any personal or commercial benefit. Thus, a waiver or reduction of fees is in the public interest. In the event any fee is to be charged for copying the requested records, please advise us in advance if the expected cost of the copying is likely to exceed $100.00.

If you do not understand this request, or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request, or any portion thereof, please contact us at (312) 346-5700 ext. 210.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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