March 5, 2012

Jessica Bock
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
900 N. Tucker Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dear Ms. Bock:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Feb. 27.

You have requested “reports and findings on testing irregularities at Silver Creek Elementary in the Triad CUSD 2 district in Troy, Chester Grade School in Chester CUSD 139, Chester and Marion Junior High in Marion CUSD 2, Marion. Please include what the irregularity was, who reported it, if a teacher was discipline and how, and whether the matter is still under investigation.”

The attached documents (12-264-bock-doc1.pdf through 12-264-bock-doc3.pdf) are provided in response to your request.

These testing irregularities are currently associated with open cases related to potential certification actions. Therefore, some documents have been identified as part of active investigation files. Pursuant to 5 ILSCS 140/7 (1) (d) (ii), these records are being withheld as their release could interfere with active administrative enforcement proceedings.

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

Sincerely,

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Deputy General Counsel

Attachments