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VIA E-MAIL, mvanover@isbe.net, PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT

Mr. Matt Vanover  
FOIA Officer  
Illinois State Board of Education  
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST No. 120104003

Dear Mr. Vanover:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/.

Please provide me with a copy of the transcript from the arbitration hearing for IFT members and ISBE management before arbitrator Edwin Benn over the issue of compensation for work-time travel.

As you know, in accordance with 5 ILCS 140/3 (d), your office must respond in writing within five working days after receipt of this request.

Disclosure of the information in these records is in the public interest and would primarily benefit the general public. I am a reporter for The Associated Press, a not-for-profit newsgathering organization, and the principal purpose of this request is to review the documents provided and write about them in a news story about the reason behind the policy change and how the arbitrator’s ruling with affect taxpayers, not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit, but affecting the welfare or the legal rights of the general public. Accordingly, under ILCS 140/6 (c) of the FOIA, I request a waiver of any copying charges that your office would ordinarily impose in responding to this request. If your office chooses not to grant a waiver, please contact me to discuss the matter further.

You can reach me at (217) 789-2700. My e-mail address is joconnor@ap.org and the fax number is (217) 789-8973.

Sincerely,

/S/

John O'Connor