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Dear Ms. Helmholtz:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 7, 2012.

You have requested information regarding costs and student placements for nonpublic special education facilities over the last five years.

The attached document (12-396-helmholtz-doc.xlsx) is provided in response to your request. Each requested item has a separate tab in the spreadsheet (the data for item 2 has been divided into two tabs, 2a and 2b).

Please note:

- Items 1-3 do not include Chicago reimbursement totals as Chicago is paid through a Block Grant.
- Items 4-7 include Chicago students.
- The student counts for items 4, 5 and 7 were collected from the Dec. 1 child count data.
- The average reimbursement columns were calculated by taking the total prorated reimbursement divided by the number of students receiving reimbursement.
- Only fund code B students were included in our response – Section 14-7.02 (Private Day and Residential Facilities and Out-of-State Public Schools).

Also note that an asterisk indicates where cell sizes of less than ten students have been redacted, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

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

Sincerely,
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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