June 15, 2012

David Jackson
The Chicago Tribune

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 8, 2012.

You have requested data for in-house suspensions for each school district in the state for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The attached documents (12-398-jackson-doc1.pdf through 12-398-jackson-doc12.pdf) are provided in response to your request.

The files provide data for the state and individual school districts broken down by grade cluster, race/ethnicity and gender.

Please note that cell sizes of less than 10 in each file have been redacted, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Additionally, cell sizes of 10 or more are suppressed when disclosure would indirectly reveal cell sizes of less than 10. 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

Attachments