June 25, 2012

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Dear Ms. Solomon:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 19, 2012.

You have requested the following information for the 2010-2011 school year:

Request 1 - Unduplicated number of Black (African American) male students suspended by district.

Response 1 – The attached documents (12-414-solomon-doc1.pdf through 12-414-solomon-doc4.pdf) show the number of students suspended in school more than once, the number of students suspended in school only once, the number of students suspended out of school more than once and the number of students suspended out of school only once by gender, grade cluster and race/ethnicity. 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

Request 2 - Unduplicated number of Black (African American) male students expelled by district.

Response 2 – The attached documents (12-414-solomon-doc5.pdf and 12-414-solomon-doc6.pdf) provide the number of students expelled who received educational services and the number of students expelled who did not receive educational services by gender, grade cluster and race/ethnicity. 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

Request 3 - Percentage of Black (African American) male students suspended by district compared to other racial/ethnic categories of male students by district.
Response 3 - Our agency does not calculate the percentage of students suspended across racial/ethnic categories.

Request 4 - Percentage of Black (African American) male students expelled by district compared to other racial/ethnic categories of male students by district.

Response 4 - Our agency does not calculate the percentage of students expelled across racial/ethnic categories.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments