July 5, 2012

Michael Pietrzak

Dear Mr. Pietrzak:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request was received on June 27, 2012.

You have requested the following information for districts with ESL and/or Bilingual positions that are unfilled, staffed with teachers lacking full credentials or teachers on Type 29 certificates for the 2011-2012 school year:

- District
- Address, City, State, Zip, Fax
- Bilingual/ESL program director/coordinator name and email address (as available)
- # of ESL positions...
  - unfilled
  - staffed with teachers "off-credential" or on temporary or emergency credentials
- # of Bilingual positions...
  - unfilled
  - staffed with teachers "off-credential", or on temporary or emergency credentials

Please note that our agency does not track this information as requested. You may utilize the 2010-2011 Teacher Service Record (TSR) public data set (the most recent year available) at [http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/teacher_service_record.htm](http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/teacher_service_record.htm) to isolate the school districts you seek. Open the “Instructional Staff Only” file and search Assignment 1 (column AU) for codes 301-325 (Bilingual Education by language) and code 059 (English as a Second Language) to get teacher names and their employing districts and district contact information. You may then contact the district to inquire if the teacher worked in this assignment last year “off-credential” or on temporary or emergency credentials.

Regarding your request for bilingual/ESL program director/coordinator name and email address, the attached document (12-430-peitrzak-doc1.xls) is provided. The spreadsheet provides a list of all of the fiscal year 2012 ELL grant contacts for districts that received Transitional Bilingual Education/Transitional Program of Instruction funds.
Regarding your request for the number of unfilled ESL and bilingual positions, the attached documents (12-430-pietrzak-doc2.xls through 12-430-pietrzak-doc5.xls) are provided. The spreadsheets provide the unfilled position data by district and by subject area for 2011 and 2012.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachments