May 11, 2012

Diane Rado and Joel Hood
Chicago Tribune
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Suite 800
Westchester, Illinois 60154

Dear Ms. Rado and Mr. Hood:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on May 4, 2012.

You have requested “all information that schools and/or districts have provided to the Illinois State Board of Education’s School Incident Reporting System, dating back to March 2006.”

The attached document (12-355-radohood-doc.xlsx) is provided in response to your request.

Please note that pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a), identifying information, such as age, gender, race and ethnicity, about the offenders and victims has been withheld. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits the disclosure of these records, even in redacted form, if the information would make the students’ identities easily traceable.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachment