Greetings:

1. In the past, ISBE has periodically provided me with a spreadsheet listing -- by grade, race and gender -- the count of grade K-12 dropouts, both statewide and in Chicago. Attached are copies provided by ISBE in the past, covering years 1999-00 thru 2007-08. Please update those spreadsheets for the subsequent years, up to the most recent available.

2. Please provide a similar spreadsheet showing -- by grade, race and gender, for both Chicago and statewide, if possible for the most recent 10 complete years -- the count of K-12 graders listed as CHRONICALLY TRUANT.

If possible, please provide these charts in electronic format, as Excel spreadsheets.

I really appreciate the help. I am at 312-222-5569 if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

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