May 16, 2012 [e-mailed to Jaime.Sarro@ajc.com]

Jaime Sarrio
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
223 Perimeter Center Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Dear Ms. Sarrio:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on May 9, 2012.

You have requested “copies of files of Illinois educators who have had their certification suspended/revoked for cheating and/or test tampering or testing violations.”

The attached documents (12-359-sarro-doc1.pdf and 12-359-sarro-doc2.pdf) are provided in response to your request. The Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (formerly known as the State Teacher Certification Board) suspended Cary Knox’s certificates after a finding that he had compromised the integrity of a state assessment in 2003. Knox’s case is referenced on pages five and six of the first document and pages 19 and 20 of the second document.

Other cases of alleged testing misconduct remain under investigation or were closed with no certification action.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments