May 30, 2012 [dyjackson@tribune.com]

David Jackson
The Chicago Tribune

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on May 15, 2012.

On May 22, our agency requested a five-day extension until May 30.

You have requested the following student attendance data from the 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years for Chicago and the state and for each grade from K through 12:

Request 1: Pupils in each grade.

Response 1: The data you seek is available on our agency’s Fall Enrollment Counts website at www.isbe.net/research/htmls/fall_housing.htm. Click on the District Summary file link for each year.

Requests 2, 3 and 4: Pupils with at least 1 suspension in each grade, pupils with more than 1 suspension in each grade and total number of days all students were suspended in each grade.

Response 2, 3 and 4: Our office continues to put together the requested suspension reports and review the data so that is compliant with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Therefore, we are not yet ready to release these documents. We anticipate that we will be able to provide responsive documents to you by June 4. Please confirm your acceptance of our request for additional time.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information