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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. On May 30, we provided a response to the first part of your request.

The attached documents (12-366-jackson-doc1.pdf through 12-366-jackson-doc12.pdf) are provided in response to your remaining requests for suspension 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.

The files provide data outlining suspensions statewide and for individual school districts broken down by grade cluster and race/ethnicity for the last three years. You may search for “City of Chicago SD 299” to isolate information for CPS.

Please note that cell sizes of less than 10 in each file have been redacted, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Additionally, cell sizes of 10 or more are suppressed when disclosure would indirectly reveal cell sizes of less than 10. Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments