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Matt, Mark, Mary,

This is a request under Illinois’ Freedom of Information Act, related to School Report Card data. (I understand that any information provided is subject to the report card embargo date.)

Please provide:

/For each 2011 ISAT test in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, as well as the PSAE test, please provide the raw score required to achieve the “meets standards” scale score designation in reading, math and science, for each grade. (Based on information already posted online, neither the number of total points on each test has changed for 2011, nor has the scale score range for each achievement level. Please correct me if I’m wrong).

/ Some student test scores may not be included in AYP calculations, for a variety of reasons. Please provide the number of students and percent of students in each school and district whose tests results were used to calculate AYP in 2011.

/ The report card data includes the percent of students not tested in reading, math and science, but doesn’t state the reasons for not being tested. Please provide the number and percent of students not tested in each subject at each school, and the reasons why, by code. (Your website shows about 15 codes explaining the reason that a student was not tested. If there are more reasons, please include them.) Please provide the information in the easiest electronic format possible. It might be easiest to provide each student not tested (with the name blacked out), followed by the applicable code/codes stating the reason or reasons for not testing?

If you have any questions, please contact me at 708-498-4248, or drado@tribune.com

Thanks,

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