Illinois State Board of Education  
100 North First Street  
Springfield, IL 62777-0001  
Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Matt Vanover:

I hereby request that the Illinois State Board of Education produce the following public records pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.:

1) Documentation and/or a written explanation indicating the fiscal, accounting, or tax differences to a district’s school board picking up 2.5 percent of a teacher’s mandatory retirement contribution versus paying a 2.5 percent raise to that teacher. What are the financial incentives to do one form of benefit increase in lieu of the other?

2) Documentation and/or a written explanation indicating the financial difference to a teacher if a district’s school board picks up 2.5 percent of a teacher’s mandatory retirement contribution instead of paying a 2.5 percent raise to that teacher. What are the financial incentives to do one form of benefit increase in lieu of the other?

3) Documentation and/or a written explanation of the phrase “board-paid retirement” in Question 13 of the Teacher Salary Study found here (http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/teacher_salary_10-11.pdf)

Please produce the requested record(s) to the e-mail address, fax number, or address listed below within five (5) working days of your receipt of this request. If the requested record cannot be produced within five (5) working days, please immediately notify me of the reason(s) for the delay and the date by which the requested record will be available.

If you do not understand this request, or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request, or any portion thereof, please contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Wille  
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