April 8, 2013

Veronica Waddell

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Dear Ms. Waddell:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 5, 2013.

You have requested the number of students served by the SES provider “Grade Plus Tutors” for the 2012-13 school year. You also seek the number of students who signed up for the program.

According to the Student Tracking and Reporting System, Grade Plus has 785 students enrolled in SES in 2012-13. Please note that this figure is for students enrolled in the software database by the provider, so there may be students who are just starting services and have not yet been enrolled or students who have been served but were omitted from STARS for some reason. Therefore, this number may be exactly correct or may be too low. This number would also include students enrolled in a STARS class who then never showed up for tutoring and actually have not been served.

Regarding the second part of your request, our agency does not receive or maintain records for how many students have requested Grade Plus and were not actually served by them.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information