May 2, 2013 [e-mailed to aeevans@uic.edu]

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Dear Ms. Evans:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 25, 2013.

You have requested a variety of elementary and middle school attendance data at the state, district and school-level for the last three years including the numbers and demographics of students who missed 10 percent (18 days) or more of school in the school per year, the numbers and demographics of students who missed between 5 percent and 10 percent (9 to 17) days of school per year and numbers and demographics of students who missed five days or less of school (regular attendance students).

Please note that our agency collects the number of absent days reported at the school-level. We do not track the attendance of individual students. Therefore, our agency cannot provide the data as requested. If you would like data regarding the number of absent days reported by schools, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information