THANK YOU for accepting this request for de-identified student-level data spanning two years, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

We ask if possible that ISBE create and include a masked or dummy student ID, so that we can identify the same student when he or she is listed across both requested years, and trend data for each student across the two-year span of this request.

1. For every 8th grader enrolled in 2009-2010, please show that pupil's
- Masked ID number (NewStudentID)
- School District
- Birth Year (STUDENT_BIRTH_YEAR)
- Enrollment Status (active, inactive -- if listed in ISBE records)
- Enrollment / Entry Type Codes
- All Exit Type Code, if any
- All Exit Enrollment Codes, if any

2. For every 9th grader enrolled in 2010-2011, please show that pupil's
- Masked ID number (NewStudentID), consistent with previous year when applicable
- School District
- Birth Year (STUDENT_BIRTH_YEAR)
- Enrollment Status (active, inactive -- if listed in ISBE records)
- Enrollment / Entry Type Codes
- All Exit Type Code, if any
- All Exit Enrollment Codes, if any

* We stand ready to work with ISBE staff to minimize the burden this FOIA request may place on the agency and to expedite release of salient public data, and so would consider tailoring this request if any part of it places a special or time-consuming burden on ISBE staff.

* The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) enables ISBE to disclose student-level information as long as the released data does not include a list of personal characteristics or other information that would make a student's identity
easily traceable. We ask that ISBE notify us about any potential FERPA problem so that we can modify the request.

* We are confident that this request de-identifies students by omitting numerous data fields that represent student-level characteristics. In addition, we hereby affirm and stipulate that we will not use any data provided by ISBE in response to this FOIA as a basis to search for or to identify individual students, in both our newsgathering or in publication.

* We ask that, if at all possible, you provide the requested data in electronic format, ideally as an Excel spreadsheet.

This request is in the public interest and we are grateful for anything you can do to expedite it. Please contact me immediately if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

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