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VIA FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL (FOIA@isbe.net)

Matt Vanover, FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Vanover:

Please consider this correspondence a formal request for documents pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/1.2, all records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying. If any part of this request is denied, please reference the specific document denied and the legal basis upon which disclosure is being denied.

1. Any memoranda or documents regarding the ability (or inability) of local educational agencies to negotiate rates for services directly with nonpublic schools; and

2. Any current or proposed procedures, policies, standards, guidelines or practices, whether or not intended for public distribution, regarding the ability (or inability) of local educational agencies to negotiate rates for services directly with nonpublic schools.

The principal purpose for these information requests is to access information regarding the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of the general public. These requests for information are not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/6(c), we request a waiver of all copying fees. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(d), please promptly respond to these requests for public records within five (5) business days. We look forward to your timely compliance since this correspondence is being received by you, as agent for ISBE, today by e-mail and facsimile.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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