To: ISBE FOIA Officer  
From: Citizen with a Question  
Reference: Changes to ELL Program Administrator Certification

At this time, as private citizen with an active interest in the certification requirements for ELL/Bilingual Program Administrators and not claiming to represent or act as an agent of any public organization; I would like to make a FOIA request for the following information. It is not my intent to hold ISBE to the required timeline as long as the response time is reasonable in nature.

1. Within the capacity of ISBE as managers for all submitted 2012-13 SY ELL Consolidated Grant applications, please identify the numerical amount of identified program administrators who hold either a Bilingual Approval or Endorsement.

2. Within the capacity of ISBE as managers for all submitted 2012-13 SY ELL Consolidated Grant applications, please identify the numerical amount of identified program administrators who do not hold either a Bilingual Approval or Endorsement.

3. Please provide any guidance documents, or communication that would provide guidance as to the significance of number "200" or a rational for choosing the number "200" which is listed in Section 1.783 in the Administrative Code which has been referenced below.

Regards,

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Section 1.783 Requirements for Administrators of Bilingual Education Programs

Beginning July 1, 2014, no individual shall be assigned to administer a bilingual education program with 200 or more students unless he or she is certified in accordance with Section 1.705(m) of this Part and meets the requirements of either subsection (a) or (b) of this Section, as applicable. Individuals assigned to administer a bilingual education program with fewer than 200 students shall meet the requirements of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 228.35(d)(2) or (3), as applicable.

a) Transitional Bilingual Education

1) A person designated to administer a transitional bilingual education program shall:
A) hold the bilingual approval or endorsement issued pursuant to Section 1.781 of this Part; or
B) hold the English as a new language endorsement issued pursuant to Section 1.782 of this Part, with a language designation; or
C) present evidence of having completed 18 semester hours distributed among the following: