Dear Ms. Woestehoff:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on May 20, 2013.

On May 24, our agency requested additional time to provide responsive documents to you due to the large volume of responsive materials that require review for exempt material. On June 14, our agency sent you a CD containing the first set of documents in response to your request.

You have requested copies of all communications, whether in written or electronic form, between Illinois State Board of Education officials and/or employees and officials/employees at the Gates Foundation, the Shared Learning Collaborative, inBloom Inc., Wireless Generation and/or Amplify, between Jan. 1, 2011 and May 1, 2013.

The enclosed CD provides the remaining documents that are responsive to your request.

Please note that certain records and portions of records have been identified as “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated.” Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f), these materials have been redacted or withheld. Proprietary information has been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (g). Private information, including passwords and other access codes, has been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b).

In the event you believe that you have been denied your request for public records, you may file an appeal with the Office of the Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

As previously stated, our agency is happy to answer your questions regarding the Shared Learning Collaborative project and could coordinate a discussion with officials with inBloom. Factual information about inBloom is available here: https://www.inbloom.org/about-inbloom.
If you have questions or would like to set up a discussion, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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