Nov. 5, 2012

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Dear Ms. Hallett:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Oct. 22.

On Oct. 29, our agency requested a five-day extension until Nov. 5.

You have requested various data from the 2012 Basic Skills and Test of Academic Proficiency results. Our response is as follows:

Request 1: The "passed all 4 sub-tests" data by race/ethnicity for the 2012 test dates:
   A. Basic Skills: Feb 11 and April 14
   B. TAP: Feb 1-26; Feb 27 – Mar 25; Mar 26 – Apr 22; Apr 23 – May 20; and May 21 – June 17.

Response 1: The attached documents (13-124-hallett-doc1.pdf through 13-124-hallett-doc8.pdf) are provided in response to this request. Please note that this information will be posted to our website on a quarterly basis.

Request 2: The results by race/ethnicity for the TAP from June 18 through the most recent TAP results in October 2012, including the "passed all 4 sub-tests."

Response 2: Please See Response 1.

Request 3: Answer to the following: If a person had passed the Language Arts, Reading, and Writing sub-tests in February and March, but not math. Then that person passes the math sub-test in May, when would that person be reported as having “Passed the mathematics sub-test” and “Passed all 4 sub-tests”? Would he or she be included in May’s “Passed the mathematics subtest” as well as the “Passed all 4 sub-tests?”

Response 3: Yes, that person would be included in May’s “passed the mathematics subtest” as well as “passed all four subtests.”
Request 4: Data on how many potential teacher candidates, by race and ethnicity, use the ACT with writing and the SAT with writing as alternatives to the TAP.

Response 4: Our agency does not possess this information. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this request.

Request 5: The names of the Colleges of Education that are provisionally accepting potential teacher candidates to enter the College of Education, before the candidate has passed the TAP.

Response 5: Our agency does not possess this information. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this request.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

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Attachments