VIA EMAIL (asimhaus@isbe.net)

Ms. Amanda Simhauser  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Illinois State Board of Education  
100 North First Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

Dear Ms. Simhauser:

Pursuant to Illinois’ Freedom of Information Act as delineated at 5 ILCS 140 et seq. and its stated policy to provide access by all persons to public records so as to promote the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government, please forward to my attention the following public records which was prepared, was or is being used, received, possessed or under the control of the Illinois State Board of Education (“ISBE”). As the Freedom of Information Act Officer for ISBE, please forward this information to me electronically within five (5) business days from receipt of this request unless the requisite time period is extended upon a legally valid basis.

Public records as defined by statute would include but not be limited to “... all records, reports, forms, writings, letters, memoranda, books, papers, maps, photographs, microfilms, cards, tapes, recordings, electronic data processing records, electronic communications, recorded information and all other documentary materials pertaining to the transaction of public business, regardless of physical form or characteristics, having been prepared by or for, or having been or being used by, received by, in the possession of, or under the control of any public body”.

We request the following public records:

1) Copies of Proviso Township High School District’s Deficit Reduction Plans from 2010 to
the present time;
2) Proviso Township High School District 209’s Special Education Corrective Action Plan approved by the ISBE in or about March 2014 along with supporting documentation relating to this Plan;
3) Copies of requests, approvals and denials for evaluations by outside providers related to special education eligibility and services by the Financial Oversight Panel (“FOP”) for Proviso Township High School District 209 from 2008 to the present;
4) Copies of requests, approvals, denials and amounts paid for outside providers retained by the District to attend IEP meetings for Proviso Township High School District 209 from 2010 to the present;
5) Proviso Township High School District 209’s FOP Minutes from June 26, 2012 to the present time. (These are not posted on ISBE’s website as are panel Minutes from years prior);
6) A record of all cooperative day placements and private therapeutic day placements of special education students divided by disability category by Proviso Township HSD 209 from 2011 to the present;
7) Complaints, due process requests, or other correspondence by ISBE regarding or relating to concerns about special education programming or safety at any of Proviso Township HSD 209’s schools, and the results of those proceedings;
8) Public records relating or regarding Proviso Township HSD 209’s status as failing to make AYP including ISBE recommendations, supports and services resulting from this status from 2010 to the present;
9) Public records regarding or relating to student’s suspension and expulsion by year, grade level, race, regular education, special education and if special education, by disability category;
10) Copies of hearing decisions written by Shana Erenberg;
11) Resume or curriculum vitae of Shana Erenberg; and
12) Contact information for state certified educator Alexis Palm Wallace, former principal of Proviso West.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please contact the undersigned at [redacted] with any questions.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Deborah F. Weiss

Enclosure

cce: Matt Cohen