Dec. 18, 2013

Patricia Lopuszanski

Dear Ms. Lopuszanski:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Dec. 11, 2013.

You have requested the following information:

Request 1: Copy of Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative's Personnel Reimbursement reports that were filed with the ISBE as an original, amended and final report for 2010-2011; 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Response 1: Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3 (e) (vi), we seek an extension as this portion of your request for records cannot be complied with within the time limits prescribed. The new deadline will be Dec. 26, 2013.

Request 2: Copy of the distribution of funds released to Mid-Valley as documented and submitted to the ISBE for payment under the personal reimbursements reports for 2010-2011; 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Response 2: Copy of the funds distribution to Mid-Valley Coop may be accessed via the Financial Reimbursement Information System (FRIS) Inquiry on our website at http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/.

Select the fiscal year from the drop down (for 2010-11 reimbursements, choose FY 12; for 2011-12 reimbursements, choose FY 13 and so on). Please note that the FY 14 payments should be posted on the system by Monday. Next, enter Mid-Valley or 31045303061 and then click on “Display Projects.” Choose program “3110 Sp Ed Personnel” and then select “Click for Detail” in the Disbursements Section.

Request 3: Copies of any form of communication between Mid-Valley and the ISBE as it relates to the information reported on the Personnel Reimbursement reports for 2010-2011; 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Response 3: The attached document (14-176-lopuszanski-doc1.pdf) is provided in response to your request.
Request 4: Copies of any form of communication between the ISBE and the public related to the hiring and misreporting of teachers that were not properly grade level certified, highly qualified and/or held an LBSI to teach in a general education classroom or in a special education program, or ESY as submitted to the ISBE on Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative's Personnel Reimbursement reports for 2010-2011; 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Response 4: We have no documents responsive to this request.

Request 5: Copy of any Personnel Reimbursement monitoring reports, audits or investigation conducted by the ISBE related to Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative's Personnel Reimbursement reports filed for 2010-2011; 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Response 5: We have no documents responsive to this portion of your request other than the FY 2012 audit that we provided to you in response to your Aug. 19, 2013 FOIA request.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachment