Dec. 30, 2013

Joy Hail

Dear Ms. Hail:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Dec. 16, 2013.

On Dec. 23, our agency requested a five-day extension until Dec. 31, 2013.

You have requested “all documents from 2009-2013, including correspondence and reports, regarding the ELL and/or bilingual and/or dual language programs and curriculum at Diamond Lake School District #76 (including Fairhaven School, Diamond Lake School and West Oak Middle School), including, but not limited to, the review of the aforementioned programs that was conducted in the Fall of 2013 and in 2010.”

The enclosed CD is provided in response to your request. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a), student names and identifying information as well as the names of parents have been redacted or withheld. Certain documents have been identified as notes and are being withheld 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). Additionally, signatures have been redacted as unique personal identifiers pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(b). Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a), student cell sizes of less than 10 have been redacted. Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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