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Amanda,
This is a request under Illinois’ Freedom of Information Act. Please provide the full waiver application – including attachments, lists, spreadsheets, and any other documents – that was recently submitted to the U.S. Department of Education related to flexibility on “double testing,” so that students can field test PARCC exams but won’t have to take an additional state exam in 2014.
If there have been any amendments since the initial application was sent, please include those as well. I was told by Mary Fergus that the initial application was submitted Nov. 22.
That application included:

/Copies of all comments that ISBE received from LEAs in response to this notice are attached hereto. Please provide those.

/An attached spreadsheet of schools and districts. Please provide that spreadsheet.

As a member of the media, I request a waiver of all fees because the information benefits the public. If you have any questions, please call.

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