Patti Lopuszanski

Dear Ms. Lopuszanski:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Feb. 28, 2014.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: “All copies of any form of communication sent to and from, the ISBE to the following entities: Kane County ROE, Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative and St. Charles School District 303 in regards to the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) from September 2012 to today's date related to Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative.”

Response 1: The attached documents (14-257-lopuszanski-doc1.pdf through 14-257-lopuszanski-doc2.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. A lowercase letter indicates an attachment.

Please be advised that we have withheld signatures contained in the documents as unique personal identifiers pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b).

Request 2: “Copies of all ALOP Applications, or Application for Continuing Program Approval, or any other submission sent to the ISBE after September 2012 to today's date related to Mid-Valley Special Education's ALOP.”

Response 2: The attached document (14-257-lopuszanski-doc3.pdf) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note the attached ALOP application is for St. Charles CUSD 303 for FY 2014. Mid-Valley does not have an ALOP program, but is contracted by St. Charles 303 and the Regional Office of Education (ROE) to operate the St. Charles ALOP.

Please be advised that we have withheld signatures contained in the documents as unique personal identifiers pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b). Additionally, student group sizes of less than 10 have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal identities.

Request 3: “All documentation related to the updates and changes made for ALOP FY15 and posted under ALOP on the ISBE website as of 2/14.”
Response 3: The rules and regulations are the same as last year; the only updates to the application are for functional use and date changes. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this portion of your request.

Request 4: “List of all expenditures that ALOP funds may not be used for.”

Response 4: Our agency does not have any documents responsive to this portion of your request. There are no ALOP funds; therefore, there is no list of allowable expenditures.

Request 5: “A list of the Illinois laws/Illinois School Code Rulings on the use of an individual student’s General State Aid when requested to be signed over by parents and used for the ALOP program.”

Response 5: General State Aid (GSA) is paid to the district from General Revenue Funds. GSA cannot be “signed over to parents” as it is not paid to parents. Therefore, our agency has no documents responsive to this portion of your request.

Request 6: “Provide the source to report misuse of General State Aid for the use in an ALOP program. Identify consequences of misuse of ALOP funding.”

Response 6: There are no ALOP funds, nor is there ALOP funding. Therefore, our agency has no documents responsive to this portion of your request.

If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin at (217) 782-4648 or mgriffin@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments