July 15, 2013 [e-mailed to bclay@introspectyouth.org]

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Dear Mr. Clay:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on July 10, 2013.

You have requested the following information:

Request 1: Did the State Superintendent prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials that may be used as guidance for the development of a unit of instruction under 105 ILCS 5/27-20.4? If so, please provide a digital copy of the materials provided.

Response 1: The Illinois State Board of Education posts all resources for all subject areas on our website. The resources available for Black History may be found on the social science page at http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_science/resources.htm. You may also wish to contact the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which is the administrative agency for the Amistad Commission.

Request 2: Were the same materials provided to all school boards in the state? If so, please provide a copy of the documents indicating when the State provided local boards with information and how (e.g., agency website, email: or regular mail).

Response 2: Please see Response 1.

Request 3: Please provide a digital copy of information indicating how the state monitors school board implementation of 105 ILCS 5/27-20.4.

Response 3: The public school compliance probe is used by regional offices of education to ensure that districts and schools are in operational compliance. Please see items 69 (F) (2) and 70 (F) (5) on the attached document (14-008-clay-doc.pdf).

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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