April 14, 2014

Jasmine Gonzalez

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on April 1, 2014.

On April 7, our agency requested a five-day extension until April 14, 2014.

You have requested "copies of records of all of the financial budgets for all charter schools in the city of Chicago dating back from the year 2010 to the present year (2014)."

On April 2, per your discussion with Megan Griffin of ISBE, you narrowed your request to the five-year budget estimates for Chicago charter schools.

On the enclosed CD, documents (14-296-gonzalez-doc1.xls through 14-296-gonzalez-doc121.xls) have been provided in response to your request.

Please note we have not included budget estimates for schools that will open in or have a renewal term that begins fall 2014, as we interpreted these to be outside the scope of the FOIA request. The enclosed documents consist of budget forms submitted by CPS and/or the charter for purposes of ISBE certification, for schools that opened for the first time or were renewed in school years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014.

Also, please note that budget forms submitted electronically for UNO Charter School and Aspira Charter School appear to be corrupted files and cannot be accessed at this time for purposes of producing them in response to your FOIA request. You may wish to contact CPS or the school directly for these forms.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
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