June 13, 2014 [emailed to drado@tribune.com]

Diane Rado
Chicago Tribune

Dear Ms. Rado:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on May 20, 2014.

On May 28, our agency requested an additional five-day extension until June 4, 2014. Per your discussion with ISBE’s Megan Griffin on June 4, you agreed to an additional extension until June 11, 2014. On June 11, our agency provided documents responsive to your request. In the response letter dated June 11, 2014, Megan Griffin indicated to you that our agency was working to determine what records could be provided in response to your below request.

Request 5: "...please specify if ISBE approved a course for an educator, though it was not on the list of approved courses."

Response 5: ISBE determines what courses are approved and which courses are not based on an individual transcript review and based on the requirements in place at that time. The worksheets used for evaluation of courses are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f), preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated. Other than the worksheets, which are exempt from disclosure, ISBE does not have records to provide that are 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