To: Matt Vanover, Illinois State Board of Education FOIA Officer

From: Anne Davy Bowers, University of Illinois

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

I am a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois studying the relationship between school district diversity and special education identification, placement, and outcomes. For the scholarly purpose of my academic research, I am requesting an excel document with the following information for all public school districts in Illinois for the 2011-12 school year:

- District name
- District RCDTS code
- District type (elementary, high school, unit)
- Urban-centric locale code for each district
- Total number of students per district
- Total number of low-income students per district
- Total number of students by race per district
- Total number of students with IEPs by race per district
- Number of students with IEPs by disability category per district
- Overall student performance gap for each district (as found in Special education profile)
- Number in <40% LRE category per district
- Number in <40% LRE category by race/ethnicity in each district
- Instructional Expenditure per pupil for each district
- Operating Expenditure per pupil for each district
- Most recent available dropout rate per district

Please let me know if you have any questions about my request. I can be reached via email at adavy2@illinois.edu. I appreciate your help.