Dear Ms. Reid-Niemiec:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Nov. 25, 2013.

You have requested the following information as it applies to Belvidere Community Unit School District 100:

Request 1: Beginning with January 2006, the date of each incident, the date each incident was reported to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the manner in which the incident was reported (e.g., electronically, postal correspondence, verbal/phone call) for any:
   a. Incident of attack against school personnel
   b. Incident involving drugs
   c. Incident involving a firearm

Response 1: The attached document, 14-160-reidniemiec-doc.xlsx, is provided in response to this request. The Date Entered column is the date that the incident was entered into the School Incident Reporting System (SIRS). The column labeled Date Submitted is the last date that the record was updated, which should be the date it was submitted to ISBE. Also, please note that ISBE only receives the requested data through SIRS, which is electronic.

Request 2: Since ISBE has been charged by Illinois State Police (ISP) and Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program (I-UCR) with administration and maintenance of the School Incident Reporting System (SIRS), please provide:
   a. The contact information for the sector of ISBE charged with insuring IL school districts comply with state mandated incident reporting through use of SIRS.
   b. The maximum number of business days a school district has to report, through SIRS, an incident of attack against school personnel, incident of drugs, or incident involving a firearm to be compliant with the state reporting mandate.
c. The penalty (or consequence) outline for a school district that does not comply with incident reporting through SIRS to satisfy required reporting to Illinois State Police (ISP)

d. The audit schedule for insuring school districts comply with state mandated incident reporting

e. The dates of completed audits and future audits regarding school incident information provided by Belvidere Community Unit School District #100

f. Copies of any correspondence sent to IL school districts regarding the use of SIRS, compliance with reporting, and penalties for non-compliance

g. Copies of any correspondence sent specifically to Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 regarding school incidence reporting, compliance in reporting, complaints regarding incident reporting, and penalties for non-compliance

Response 2: a. ISBE is not charged with insuring that school districts comply with incident reporting. Our agency is not authorized to collect or monitor data but offered to help Illinois State Police, the agency charged with receiving the information, by providing a means via SIRS for districts to enter their data. b. From 105 ILCS 5/10-21.7) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.7) Sec. 10-21.7: Attacks on school personnel: (a) In the Section, "school" means any public or private elementary or secondary school. (b) Upon receipt of a written complaint from any school personnel, the superintendent, or other appropriate administrative officer for a private school, shall report all incidents of battery committed against teachers, teacher personnel, administrative personnel or educational support personnel to the local law enforcement authorities immediately after the occurrence of the attack and to the Department of State Police's Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program no later than 3 days after the occurrence of the attack. c. There are none. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to your request. d. No such audit exists. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to your request. e. See response 2d. f. We have no records responsive to your request. g. We have no records responsive to your request.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachment