Feb. 4, 2014

Dear Ms. Fidishin:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Dec. 8, 2014.

On Dec. 15, our agency requested a five-day extension until Dec. 22, 2014. On Dec. 22, ISBE's Megan Griffin contacted you via email and you agreed to an additional extension. Our agency indicated we would provide the documents in response to your request as soon as possible.

On Jan. 22, Megan Griffin provided a response to Part 1 of your request via a link to the requested enrollment data available on our website (http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/fall_housing.htm).

You have requested the following:

Request 2: “Elementary Cook County School Districts with disproportionality and significant disproportionality on Indicators 9 and 10 for 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.”

Response 2: The attached documents (15-164-fidishin-doc7.pdf through 15-164-fidishin-doc9.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note the provided data is for all districts in Illinois. The 2013-2014 disproportionality data should be available later this spring. Please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 3: “Within each category and for each year the enrollment further broken out by: grade level, gender, students with IEPs, students by gender with IEPs, students by race/ethnicity by Disability Category, and students with IEPs by Disability Category for 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.”

Response 3: After further review, we were able to produce the requested data for the years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 as originally requested.
The attached documents (15-164-fidishin-doc1.xls through 15-164-fidishin-2014-doc6.xls) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Disability categories are retained in a separate database from enrollment; therefore, separate spreadsheets were produced containing the data for this portion of your request. Also, please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 4: “For Students with IEPs the calculated weighted risk ratio by: Total disabilities, Disability Categories, Race/Ethnicity Categories, Gender, Grade Level.”

Response 4: We do not have the data breakouts as requested for this portion of your request, but the weighted risk ratio is included by district within the disproportionality documents provided in response to Part 2 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

Attachments