FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777-0001
ATTN: FOIA Request Matt Vanover Director of Public Information
January 28, 2015
Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140. Per federal regulations at 34 CFR 300.509, a person who has knowledge of the educational issues concerning the child may file a written, signed complaint with ISBE. The complaint must identify the child (or in some cases children), the facts that have led to the dispute and the suggestions for how the situation needs to be fixed. ISBE pursuant to federal regulations has developed a process for these complaints which can be seen at http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/complaint_investigation.htm

I request that an electronic copy (sent to Restyan@accessliving.org ) or a letter sent by mail containing the following data be provided to me:

1. From January 1, 2012 to the most recent complaint filed with ISBE pursuant to 34 CFR 300.509 the total number of such complaints.
2. From January 1, 2012 to the most recent complaint filed with ISBE pursuant to 34 CFR 300.509 the total number of complaints investigated.
3. From January 1, 2012 to the most recent complaint filed with ISBE pursuant to 34 CFR 300.509 of the total complaints investigated the number where a written decision to the individual filing the complaint was completed in 60 or fewer days from ISBE’s receipt of the said complaints.
4. From January 1, 2012 to the most recent complaint filed with ISBE pursuant to 34 CFR 300.509 of the total complaints investigated the number where a written decision to the individual filing the complaint was completed in 61 days or more.
5. From January 1, 2012 to the most recent complaint filed with ISBE pursuant to 34 CFR 300.509 of the total complaints investigated the number where a written decision to the individual filing the complaint was completed in 200 days or more.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.
I look forward to hearing from you in writing within seven working days, as required by the Act. 5 ILCS 140(3).

Yours,

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