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Megan,
I decided to go ahead and send this tonight to get the ball rolling. If there are profiles for specific schools, rather than just one for the entire district, I might amend my request. Otherwise, I would like the full-district profiles.

Thank you very much.

Tammy

Feb. 18, 2015

Re: Freedom of Information Act request
Megan Griffin
Freedom of Information Officer
Illinois State Board of Education
100 N. First St.
Springfield, IL 62777

Dear Ms. Griffin:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140 (the "Act"), and under the common law right of access. I am making this request in my capacity as a full-time journalist with The Associated Press.

Pursuant to the Act, I am requesting a copy of the Special Education Profiles, in electronic format, if possible, for Decatur Public Schools, Cahokia Public Schools and Chicago Public Schools from 2004-2014. Disclosure of the information in these records is in the public interest and would primarily benefit the general public. I am a reporter for The Associated Press, a not-for-profit newsgathering organization, and the principal purpose of this request is to review the information provided and write a news story about Illinois inspections, not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit, but regarding the welfare or the legal rights of the general public. Accordingly, under ILCS 140/6 (b), I request a waiver of any copying charges that your office would ordinarily impose in responding to this request. If your office chooses not to grant a waiver, please contact me to discuss the matter further. I remind you that a public body may not collect fees exceeding the "actual cost for reproducing and certifying public records" and "shall not include the costs of any search for and review of the records or other personnel costs associated with reproducing the records." 5 ILCS 140/6(b).

If this request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you identify and justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act, and inform me of appeals procedures available to me under the law. I also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Under the Act, this request must be acted upon within five business days following receipt of the letter, unless the time for response is extended for not longer than five more business days under 5 ILCS 140/3(e). 5 ILCS 140/3(d).
As I am making this request as a journalist and the information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, (312) 920-3633, or e-mail, twebber@ap.org, rather than by mail if you have questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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