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Hello,

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. This information is requested in order to better understand the success of public education in a K-8 district as students matriculate to and through high school.

I have witnessed former K-8 students walking the streets seemingly unattached to any responsibility of life, job, further education or career advancement. This concerns me and I am requesting the data on the following: 1. the **numbers** of students who have graduated from District 89 (K-8), 2. And have entered high schools (Proviso East and Proviso West High Schools and the Proviso Math and Science Academy), and 3. Students from District 89 who have graduated from those high schools. 4. Dates requested for this data are school years 2009 through 2014. I am requesting **numbers only** for data analysis purposes, without any identifying personal information. This data would be helpful in order to consider options that may assist to increase high school graduation rates, especially for District 89 students.

Currently graduation rates are: Proviso East is 58% (7% ready for college), Proviso West is 70% (17% ready for college), and Proviso Math and Science Academy—which has no students with IEP’s is at 100% (56% ready for college).

The high school nearest to District 89 is Proviso East which has the lowest graduation rate of the neighboring high schools. Logistically District 89 which is closest to Proviso East would have a significant number of attending 9th graders and therefore these statistics (from the ISBE) may reflect the highest dropout rate ensuing from District 89 matriculated students. This is why I need to know the specifics of this these rates so that proper conclusions may be drawn to address the problem of low graduation rates especially in Proviso East high school.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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