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This is a request under Illinois’ Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide any and all electronic or paper correspondence, including emails, between any ISBE staffer or outside consultant or attorney and any staffer or outside consultant or attorney at the U.S. Department of Education about:

/Any and all issues related to CPS not giving the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers exam this spring to the vast majority of its students. The correspondence requested would be from a period beginning August 1, 2014 to the time ISBE responds to this request. The correspondence should include, but not be limited to, any waiver requests made to the state or federal government and discussions of possible sanctions or penalties for not administering an annual statewide, standardized exam to CPS students.

/Any and all issues related to Illinois not administering a science exam this spring, though that test is required by federal law. The correspondence requested would be from a period of February 1, 2014 to the time ISBE responds to the request.

In addition, please provide any and all electronic or paper correspondence between ISBE and CPS staffers (in both cases including outside consultants or attorneys) about CPS not giving the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers exam this spring to the vast majority of its students.

Also, please provide any and all electronic or paper correspondence between ISBE and Pearson, beginning in August 2014 and related to Pearson’s contract to administer PARCC and whether CPS’ withdrawal would impact the amount paid to Pearson by the state.

I request a waiver of any fees because this request is in the public’s interest.

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