Feb. 17, 2015 [emailed to ball@ilraiseyourhand.org]

Christopher Ball
Raise Your Hand Illinois

Dear Mr. Ball:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Jan. 30, 2015.

On Feb. 6, our agency requested a five-day extension until Feb. 17, 2015.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: “The number of students marked as "code 15" under "Reason for Not Testing" on the 2012, 2013, and 2014 administration of the ISATs for the state, by district and grade within district, and for District 299 (Chicago Public Schools) by school, and grade with school.”

Response 1: The attached document (15-209-ball-doc.pdf) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have withheld districts/schools that had less than 10 students with a Code 15 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Additionally, the breakdown of schools in the second table is for the year 2014. There were too few Code 15 students in 2012 and 2013 to breakdown by school without disclosing student group sizes of less than 10.

Request 2: “Validity and reliability findings for the PARCC assessment.”

Response 2: ISBE has not yet administered the PARCC assessment. Therefore, we have no validity and reliability findings to report at this time.

If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin at (217) 782-4648 or mgriffin@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachment