Mar. 19, 2015 [emailed to corruptionbusters24x7x365@gmail.com]

Bob Mavet
Corruption Busters

Dear Mr. Mavet:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Mar. 5, 2015.

On Mar. 12, our agency requested a five-day extension until Mar. 19, 2015.

Due to the large size of the files, you will receive an email from the service www.sendthisfile.com, which will contain a link where you may download a compressed file containing the documents you have requested. Please note files will need to be downloaded within three days of the link will expire.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: “Documents related to contracts and payments made to Pearson for PARCC and Common Core.”

Response 1: The following documents (15-249-mavet-doc1.pdf through 15-249-mavet-doc-4-exhibit-c.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Lowercase letters indicate amendments. The amendments address the alignment of assessments with the new Illinois Learning Standards incorporating Common Core State Standards.

Please note we have redacted Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) and signatures in the documents pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b). Additionally, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (g), we have redacted information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information furnished is considered proprietary, privileged or confidential. We have also withheld test questions, scoring keys and other examination data used to administer an academic examination pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (j) (i).

Request 2: “A recap of funds received from US Dept. of Education or any other Federal agency related to state allocation of funding under the category of No Child Left Behind or successor programs (Common Core and PARCC) from 2010 to the present. Aggregate numbers, not individual amounts by district, are acceptable.”

Response 2: The following document (15-249-mavet-doc5.xls) has been provided in response to this portion of your request.

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

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments