Mar. 11, 2015

Dear Mr. [Redacted],

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.

You have requested information on whether or not [Redacted] was “paid twice” for your children’s enrollment from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year to Oct. 17, 2014.

Generally speaking, when a district files a General State Aid (GSA) claim, the district must accurately report student attendance. Likewise, a district may not claim attendance for students who are tuition-based students.

While ISBE may audit the state aid claim, we do not receive data on individual student attendance; instead we receive aggregate data regarding the number of claimable days, non-claimable days and calendar days in which school was in session for each month of the school year. ISBE does not receive individual student information. Further, GSA from 2014-2015 is not payable until the 2015-2016 school year.

Therefore, our agency has no documents to provide in response to your request.

To view additional information on General State Aid attendance claims please see the following link: http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/gsa_faq.pdf.

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

Sincerely,

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