Mar. 18, 2015

Matt Myrick

Dear Mr. Myrick:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Mar. 6, 2015.

On Mar. 13, our agency requested a five-day extension until Mar. 20, 2015.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: “A list of the type of personal student information that is mandated or suggested to local school boards to be collected per NCLB, CC, RtI or PARCC.”

Response 1: All of the data elements that we collect for students are provided at the following link. To see all elements in one document, select one of the “All in One Data Elements Documents” at the bottom of the webpage: http://www.isbe.net/sis/html/data_elements.htm.

The following documents also detail the student data we collect and the purpose:
http://www.isbe.net/pdf/StudentDataPrivacy-FactSheet.pdf;

Request 2: “A list of individuals, groups, corporations, nonprofits, etc. that have access to the student info collected.”

Response 2: Organizations and individual researchers outside of ISBE must enter into a Data Share Agreement with the agency in order to access student data for specific purposes. To view all current Data Share Agreements, please see the following document: http://www.isbe.net/research/data-share/master.pdf.

Request 3: “The manner of request to obtain any and all information currently collected by ISBE on any children(ren) that someone is a parent or legal guardian of and to discover the extent of dissemination of said information. While not necessarily a FOIA question, the purpose is to determine the proper channels to navigate to see what information is currently on file for a particular student that someone is the parent or legal guardian of.”
Response 3: Our agency considers individual student data records to be exempt from disclosure as they contain personally identifiable information and their release would violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a).

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

Sincerely,

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