Mar. 18, 2015

[emailed to: redacted]

Dear Ms. [redacted]

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Mar. 17, 2015.

You have requested your “children's information that has been stored in the state's Longitudinal Database for all three of my children. This can include any and all assigned individualized ID numbers and all records related to my children.”

Per your phone conversation with ISBE’s Megan Griffin on Mar. 17, 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 (i) (a). Therefore, your request is denied.

For additional information on Student Data Privacy please see the following:

All of the data elements 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 its purpose:
http://www.isbe.net/pdf/StudentDataPrivacy-FactSheet.pdf;

If you feel you have been denied your access to public records, you may file an appeal with the Office of the Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or publicaccess@atg.state.il.us. If you choose to submit a request for review, you must do so within 60 days after the date of this response letter. The request for review must be in writing, signed by you and include (i) a copy of your FOIA request and (ii) this office’s response. In addition, you have the right to seek judicial review of this response.

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

Sincerely,