Nov. 24, 2014

Deborah Weiss
Matt Cohen & Associates

Dear Ms. Weiss:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Nov. 7, 2014.

On Nov. 17, our agency requested a five-day extension until Nov. 24, 2014.

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 or the link will expire.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: "All records related to Camphill Special School’s residential program, including, but not limited to, all materials submitted or gathered in connection with or related in any manner to the application of Camphill Special School for ISBE/GPCRB approval status and the ISBE’s investigation and response to same."

Response 1: The attached documents (15-139-weiss-doc1.pdf through 15-139-weiss-doc28.pdf) have been provided in response to your request. Please note home addresses and signatures have been redacted in the documents pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (6).

Request 2: "Any and all materials relative to ISBE’s post-approval monitoring of this facility."

Response 2: Our agency has no records of post-approval monitoring of this facility. Therefore, we have no documents responsive to this portion of your request.

Request 3: "Any and all complaints filed in regards to Camphill Special School along with any records documenting the response and outcome of those complaints."

Response 3: Our agency does not have a formal complaint process for nonpublic special education programs. Therefore, we do not have any documents to provide in response to this portion of your request because complaints are not “filed.”
If a call were taken regarding a concern, ISBE would have followed up with the program to determine whether any findings should be issued. No phone calls were taken that resulted in the issuance of a finding. If there was a complaint regarding special education services, the complaint would have gone through the agency’s complaint department against the district, as the district is responsible for the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and for ensuring that all services are implemented as required by the IEP.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments