Nov. 7, 2014

Dear Mr. Davidson:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your original request was received on Oct. 27, 2014.

You have requested “1. A list of schools that have - at any time during the period of your record-keeping - successfully operated with replacement staff during a lawful teachers' union strike; 2. A list of school districts (or cover pages for applications received by school districts) attempting to operate during a lawful teachers' union strike - but which application(s) to ISBE was/were denied (or withdrawn without being granted) as failing to meet statutory or regulatory requirements.”

Our agency provided a response on Oct. 30, 2014.

On Oct. 31, you followed up with a request for “a list of schools which have, during the period for which ISBE has records, submitted or presented materials on a voluntary basis seeking information as to ISBE's belief as to whether said school would be able to count days of operation during a lawful teachers' strike, as days of attendance.”

Schools get reimbursement for days of attendance only. Schools do not get reimbursed for "days of operation."

The following districts have made inquiries regarding days of attendance during a teacher’s strike: Lake Forest High School District 215 and Hinsdale Township High School District 86.

In the case of Lake Forest High School District 215, ISBE did not believe the district’s plans during strike days qualified to count as days of student attendance according to the School Code.

Hinsdale Township High School District 86 asked ISBE to review their contingency plan. No formal determinations regarding days of attendance were made.

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

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Director of Public Information