Dec. 17, 2014

Zoie Burton

Dear Ms. Burton:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Oct. 28, 2014.

On Nov. 5, our agency requested a five-day extension until Nov. 13, 2014.

On Nov. 13, our agency provided documents responsive to part one of your request, and requested an extension for parts two and three of your request.

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 2: “Correspondence related to the Common Core between ISBE senior officials in decision-making roles and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Pearson Foundation and the Council of Chief State School Officers between Jan. 1, 2009 and Sept. 4, 2014. A computerized search of emails containing the search term “Common Core” would be acceptable.”

Response 2: The following documents (15-127-burton-email1.pdf through 15-127-burton-email38.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Lowercase letters indicate attachments. Please note we have redacted personal phone numbers and private medical information pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b) and (c). Additionally, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f), we have withheld preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions have been formulated.
Request 3: "Travel correspondence for senior officials regarding out-of-state conferences related to Common Core that were funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Pearson Foundation."

Response 3: The following documents (15-127-burton-travel1.pdf through 15-127-burton-travel8.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Lowercase letters indicate attachments.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments