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[emailed to slangan1@luc.edu]

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Dear Mr. Langan:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Feb. 27, 2017. On March 7, our agency requested a five-day extension until March 14. On March 14, we sent an email stating we would need an additional extension.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: Statewide and district-level school enrollment by Pre-K; Race/Ethnicity; Gender.

Response 1: This information is located in our Fall Enrollment reports located at the following link: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Fall-Enrollment-Counts.aspx>. The statewide data is located at the bottom next to "State Total."

Request 2: Statewide total number of LEP students.

Response 2: We will provide this data by March 27, 2016.

Request 3: Statewide total number of students with disabilities including disability classification.

Response 3: The attached document (*17-247-langan-doc1.xls*) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a) pursuant to FERPA. Even in the absence of student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 4: Statewide and district-level disciplinary actions issued by total, by race, by gender, by LEP status, and by length.

Response 4: This information is located in our updated End of Year Student Discipline Reports located at the following links: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2016-eoy-student-discipline.pdf> and <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2015-eoy-student-discipline.pdf>. We have also provided Excel versions of the reports (*17-247-langan-2015 eoy.xls* and *17-247-langan-2016 eoy.xls*). We are unable to provide disciplinary action lengths greater than 10 days as that data would have to be manually coded and therefore, would be creating a record which was not already maintained or prepared by the public body, which is not required by FOIA law.

Request 5: Statewide out of school suspensions by grade level.

Response 5: The attached document (*17-247-langan-doc1.xls*) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a) pursuant to FERPA. Even in the absence of student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 6: Statewide and district-level data for students with disabilities receiving disciplinary actions and students with disabilities receiving disciplinary actions by disability classification.

Response 6: The attached document (*17-247-langan-doc1.xls*) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a) pursuant to FERPA. Even in the absence of student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 7: Statewide and district-level early childhood education and disciplinary action data.

Response 7: The attached document (*17-247-langan-doc1.xls*) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note no district-level totals were above 10 students, therefore, we could not provide data in response to that portion of your request pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(a) pursuant to FERPA.

*Request 8: Districts Issuing Disciplinary Actions -*

*a. The list, collected pursuant to 105 ILCS § 5/2-3.162 (“Student discipline report; school discipline improvement plan”), of the top 20% of school districts for each of the three metrics specified in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.160(b)(1-3) if that determination has already been made.*

*b. The formula used by ISBE to determine racial/ethnic disproportionality as mandated by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.160(b).*

Response 8a: This list has not yet been calculated as the data collection calls for three years-worth of data. The list will be compiled after the 2016-17 school year data is finalized.

Response 8b: ISBE does not have the formula at this point in time. As outlined in law (105 ILCS 5/2-3.162), racial disproportionality “will be calculated using the same method as the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights uses.”

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

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Attachments