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Dear Ms. Griffin,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my FOIA inquiry.

I originally did contact the ROE in DuPage County and their response was insufficient. It was insufficient because they failed to properly address the underlining theme of my request. Therefore, I reached out to the ISBE to help me address the issues of my concern.

The current ELIS system is deficient and inferior to the previous ECS system as to the sharing of information to the public, or the information that I seek.

The ROE is in the same boat as the ISBE. Nevertheless, the ISBE retains the information that I am seeking. Quite simply, when a teacher is employed in a public school district and has and/or seeks additional endorsements, the actual and original transcripts are sent/forwarded to the ISBE in Springfield for evaluation and input in the system (eg. ELIS). The ROE does not retain copies.

I would like to propose the following as a resolution to my request. I will shorten the list. What I am attempting to ascertain is the following:

1. Is the current information on the ELIS credible as to the endorsements and/or majors? Should it be my guideline?
2. Are teachers required to be endorsed in primary subject/assignments (specifically junior high grades 6 -8)?
3. Are teachers required to have a minimum of 9 hours of the subject content in their secondary assignment?
4. What constitutes primary versus secondary assignment is it - 60/40, 70/30, 80/20, 90/10 or any the former mentioned?
5. Are teachers allowed to teach in subjects that they are not endorsed in? Can they be grandfathered even without completion of the minimum requirements?
6. What are the consequences to a public school district not properly assigning teachers to content subjects without the correct endorsements?
7. Of the names provide below, can these individuals teach in the subjects identified even under Housse, primary or secondary assignments?

	<u>License ID</u>	<u>Teacher</u>		<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	1960339	John	Bilardello	Science
2	2022766	Holly	Bontkowski	Science
3	2021273	Chris	Heffernan	Math
4	1809917	George	King	Math
5	2041697	Kent	Richardson	Math

6	1936425	David	Hollander	Language Arts
7	1815129	Kimberly	Johnsen	Math
8	1808827	Sandra	Rapcan	Social Science
9	1811462	Lisa	Young	Language Arts
10	2072200	Jeremiah	Chaney	Language Arts
11	2050839	Mari Anne	LaFleur	Language Arts
12	1850961	Lorna	Mars	Language Arts
13	1795683	Adam	Schmitt	Science
14	1836924	Blake	Zinn	Math
15	2002738	Mary Beth	DiBona	Math
16	1870265	James	Gardner	Science
17	2084772	Matthew	Gerwig	Science
18	2085769	Frank	Larucci	Language Arts
19	2064960	Cheryl	Nicoski	Language Arts
20	2107799	Steven	Winter	Math
21	1804924	Matthew	Olejnuk	Math
22	2018945	Sondra	Hufferd	Language Arts
23	2074528	Robert	Krol	Math
24	2068955	Thomas	McEvilly	Math
25	1945008	Patricia	Paul	Language Arts

I am attaching the front page of the ELIS for each of the above named teachers. In no way do I fault the above teachers; after all, they do not assign themselves. I am seeking to identify an irregularity.

Respectfully,

Joe Gallego