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Dear Sirs,

I am making a Freedom of Information Act request under 5 ILCS 140. I am requesting a list of all middle school teacher assignments in Illinois for the 2015-2016 school year. When you satisfy this request, will you please do so by sending the information to my home (address below) on a disk? The information about all middle school teacher assignments should include, but not necessarily be limited to the actual courses they are stated to be teaching, their current license(s), and whether or not they have middle grades endorsements. I respectfully request the disk you send me include searchable files in Microsoft Excel (or equivalent) format.

I am also requesting licensure information and teaching assignment for Jean Lichtenberger from 2005-2012. The Vermilion County Regional Office of Education authorized her to teach on her CTE/ELS certificate at North Ridge Middle School, Danville, IL, and Mrs. Lichtenberger is the *exact* same class of employee and position as Ken Koerber, yet Mr. Koerber is treated very differently.

The Danville Education Association and myself will be using said information for, among other things, a grievance that proves how Illinois regularly lets almost anyone teach Computer related courses at the middle school level and how there are many examples of teachers who are *not* highly qualified teaching them. The examples are too numerous to count, and begs to answer the question why one person can be discriminated against (Mr. Koerber, who actually possesses highly qualified status in regards to Computers) and others are not. Some examples of teachers with any certification allowed to teach computers: David Jacks, Alton Middle School, Secondary Social-Studies-History *with no middle school* endorsement; Cristie Koechle, Elementary Education with MS Language Arts/Social Studies, Evans Junior High, Bloomington; Kelli Hamilton, DeKalb Middle School, Elementary Education with MS Gen. Science/Language Arts/Social Studies; Benjamin Averyheart, Elementary Education, Harvey; and Tara Van Dunye, Elementary Education with MS Science/Social Studies who, at the behest of her district, added CTE to become highly qualified; dozens more examples could be provided from a cursory glance of teaching assignments around the State of Illinois. Yet, Mr. Koerber, as referenced by ISBE's own Emily Fox, *is highly qualified*. Illinois regularly lets any class of employees teach computers at the middle school level, because there are not enough properly certified people in the State of Illinois qualified to fill these positions, and it is good public policy to let computer savvy people (a la Mr. Koerber) present computer instruction at the middle school level.

We are asking for any and all fees to be waived for this process as this request is in the public interest and may possibly be shared with media to reveal inefficiencies of using Regional Offices of Education, particularly the one in Vermilion County (this is also pursuant to ISBE's policy on requests, as required under 5 ILCS 140/6). This grievance includes time sensitivity and relates to a constituent of Vermilion County's economic livelihood; for this reason, I am asking for a response within five business days, as required by 5 ILCS 140(3).

Respectfully,
Daniel R. Hile

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