

Oct. 21, 2016

ATTN: Megan Griffin
FOIA Coordinator
Illinois State Board of Education

RE: FOIA request/ The Beacon-News

Dear Megan:

Please consider this a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

This request includes electronic copies of the following records:

- 1) Records sufficient to show how many school construction grant entitlements have been awarded and which school districts have received the entitlements since 2003.
- 2) Records sufficient to show the value of each school construction grant entitlement awarded since 2003.
- 3) Records of any responses the Illinois State Board of Education has sent upon receipt of a school construction grant application since 2006. Please note, I am not seeking all documents related to each application, I am only seeking ISBE's initial response to the district upon receiving an application.

Please note, for points one and two above, I am not requesting every application or related documents. I am simply looking for any one document or combination of documents that would show the total number of grant entitlements, the dollar amount of each grant entitlement and each school district that received an entitlement.

Please also note that we believe all the records are public. These records are being sought as part of research by the news media intended to enlighten the public on the activities of school and state officials.

If you believe any parts of any records are exempt from disclosure, please provide me an explanation to justify the redaction or withholding, and then provide the rest of the records. Please note that statute does not allow your agency to withhold documents in their entirety if only parts of the records may be exempt.

I am a member of the news media doing research in the public interest and request fees be waived. Please call me if you believe this request will cost more than \$50 to fulfill.

Please contact me with any questions. My information is below.

Thank you,

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