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Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

Dear Ms. Griffin:

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I request that a copy of the following records be provided to me, electronically if possible:

- A list of districts that were identified as being in the top 20 percent for out-of-school suspension rates and expulsion rates and racial disproportionality in out-of-school suspensions and expulsions for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. Please break this down by individual school year. (i.e. indicate which districts made the top 20% in 2014-15, in 2015-16 and separately in 2016-17.)
- An Excel spreadsheet that shows the data that ISBE used to calculate which public school districts were in the top 20 percent each year. If possible, for each year please show the RCDDT code, the district name, the total district enrollment used, the out-of-school suspension rate used, the expulsion rate used, the out-of-school suspension rate for white students used, the out-of-school suspension rate for students of color used, the expulsion rate for white students used, and the expulsion rate for students of color used.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The Chicago Reporter. This request is made as part of a news-gathering effort and not for commercial use.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of public schools in Illinois and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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