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[emailed to sfreishtat@tronc.com]

Sarah Freishtat
The Beacon News

Dear Ms. Freishtat:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Oct. 21, 2016.

You have requested the following

Request 1: Records sufficient to show how many school construction grant entitlements have been awarded and which school districts have received the entitlements since 2003.

Request 2: Records sufficient to show the value of each school construction grant entitlement awarded since 2003.

Response 1 and 2: The Capital Development Board awards the school construction grants. To get the records for the grant awards, you will need to send a FOIA to the Capital Development Board.

Request 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.

Response 3: The attached document (*17-122-freishtat-doc.pdf*) has been provided in response to your request. Please note we have redacted signatures as unique personal identifiers pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b).

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

Sincerely,

Kimberly Stevens
Deputy General Counsel- Program Support

Attachment