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James T. Meeks Chairman Tony Smith, Ph.D. State Superintendent of Education

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[emailed to klewis@ilstu.edu]

Krystal Lewis-Pratl

Dear Ms. Lewis-Pratl:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Nov. 28, 2016.

You have requested What percentage of learners receiving special education services in Illinois are considered low income? Of those that are considered low income and receiving SED services, what is the demographic breakdown by ethnicity? Of those that are low income and receiving SED service, is there a way to see what their primary disability category is? As well as where they are receiving their minutes? General education classroom or self-contained...% of time.

The attached document (17-155-lews-pratl-doc.xls) has been provided in response to your request. Please note we have redacted student group sizes of less than 10 pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a) and FERPA. Even in the absence of student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities. Please note we do not have the information requested for low-income students.

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