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[emailed to mike@aspdgroup.com]

Mike Pietrzak
ASPD

Dear Mr. Pietrzak:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Jan. 12, 2017. On Feb. 3, you submitted a follow-up request for the same information but for the most recent year available (2015-16).

You have requested the following:

Request 1: Identifying information for the District (or school if data are provided) ISBE ID, ROE/ISC affiliation, Site name, ELL/Bilingual program administrator, name, email address, city, phone.

Response 1: This information can be viewed via our Employee Information System (EIS) via the following link: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Employment-Information.aspx>. Select "2015-16" under Full Public Data Sets to download and Column D (Position) can be filtered to view only "Administrators in Bilingual Education" by checking that box only.

Request 2: Total Number of students in each category separated by Pre-K and K-12-- Eligible for ESL services; Eligible for Bilingual Education services by language group; Eligible for Bilingual Special Education Services by language group.

Response 2: The attached document (*17-196-pietrzak-follow up 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) pursuant to FERPA. Even in the absence of student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

Request 3: Staffing information (separated by Language Group and type - Pre-K and K-12) – a: Number of ESL positions not staffed by a fully approved/licensed/endorsed ESL teachers;

Response 3a: ESL positions can be filled by a teacher with an ESL or Bilingual Endorsement.

b: Number of GenEd Bilingual positions not staffed by a fully approved/licensed/endorsed Bilingual Teacher (by Language group);

c: Number of Special Ed Bilingual positions not staff by a licensed/endorsed Bilingual Special Education Teacher (by Language group).

Response 3b and 3c: ESL positions do not require a language specification in our employment datasets. Therefore, we are not able to provide data for this portion of your request at this time.

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

Colette McCarty
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