

July 16, 2018

[emailed to kbelsha@chicagoreporter.com]

Kalyn Belsha
Chicago Reporter

Dear Ms. Belsha:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 29, 2018.

On July 3, our agency requested an extension until July 16, 2018.

You requested 1) 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.); 2) 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.

The attached documents (*18-377-belsha-doc1.xls* through *18-377-belsha-Business Rules.pdf*) have been provided in response to your request.

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

Sincerely,

Kelly Weston
Assistant General Counsel

Attachments