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Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information
Illinois State Board of Education
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RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC2010005124

Dear [REDACTED] and Mr. Vanover,

The Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Board of Education of its intent to deny [REDACTED] request for the gender and ethnicity of all Illinois school district superintendents, as information which is exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b).

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **not appropriate** to for the ISBE to decline to disclose this information under subsection 7(1)(c). Neither the disclosure of the ethnicity or gender of public employees is deemed to be highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person, and in our reasoned opinion would not appear to outweigh a legitimate public interest in this information. Thus, the ISBE's request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c) is hereby **denied**, and the information, should, accordingly, be released without further inquiry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 558-0486. This letter will serve to close this file.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:



Heather V. Kimmons
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