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July 24, 2014

Mark Alesia  
The Indianapolis Star  
307 North Pennsylvania St.  
PO Box 145  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Re: FOIA 14-497

Dear Mr. Alesia:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of July 17, in which you requested:  
“Any and all records of drugs, medication and injections given to football players from August 1, 2013, to May 1, 2014, including but not limited to dates, dosage, frequency and (for prescription drugs) doctor’s name.”

The information responsive to your request is only contained in student medical files. Thus, your request is being denied, pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Specifically, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student’s education record without the consent of the eligible student or parent of the student.
- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes medical records, which are specifically included in the definition of “private information.”
- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes personal medical records, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us), or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer

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