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July 10, 2014

Ms. Liz Amanieh
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Re: FOIA Request 14-457

Dear Ms. Amanieh:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on June 25, 2014, in which you requested:

“I am requesting three things from all three institutions (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield):

- 1) Redacted copies of your susceptibility lists (by disease category) of all student who have not provided proof of immunity, as specified in Section 694.110 of the College Immunization Code, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 2) Your most recent annual summary report on college immunizations, as provided to the Illinois Department of Public Health, as specified in Section 694.120 of the College Immunization Code, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 3) Redacted copies of all students’ objections to immunizations on religious grounds, showing whether the objections were accepted or denied, as specified in Section 694.210 of the College Immunization Code, for the 2013-2014 school year.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 71 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) 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. In this case, all student information, including information that could lead to the re-identification of a student, was redacted from the responsive material.
- 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

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order.” This includes home addresses, telephone numbers, and university identification numbers.

- 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 student information, including dates of birth and information about a student’s vaccination status and his or her religious beliefs.
- 140/7(1)(f) of the Act that exempts from disclosure “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes portions of documents containing a student’s opinion regarding vaccinations. Such statements are the opinions of the drafter and, thus, are exempt from production.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

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, 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