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Re: FOIA 14-483

Dear Mr. Sosnay:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of July 9, in which you requested:

“The application profiles of candidates accepted, rejected and waitlisted applying for admittance in the U. of Illinois-Urbana undergraduate classes of 2017 and 2018, including the following applicant information:

- Gender;
- High school name;
- GPA;
- SAT and/or ACT scores;
- Class rank (if disclosed) and number of students in the candidate’s class (if disclosed);
- AP exams taken with score(s) (if any);
- SAT II exams taken with score(s);
- Applicant status (e.g., accepted, rejected, waitlisted, matriculating).”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 422 pages.

Please note, due to the low number of students from certain high schools, some data was removed. Section 7(1)(a) of FOIA exempts “information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations adopted under federal or State law.” The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) prohibits the disclosure of education records without express written consent of the students identified in those records. Because of low number of students, providing the ACT/SAT scores broken down by gender and applicant status could lead to the re-identification of a student. Release of such information would not only violate FERPA, but it would also be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c) of the Act.

As the Excel file type allows for editing of the included data, we ask that prior to opening the files you accept responsibility for accurate dissemination of this information and agree that no manipulation of the file that results in falsification of the information will occur.

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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