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Re: FOIA Request 14-777

Dear Mr. Berendsen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on November 18, 2014, in which you requested:

“Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and the university’s implementing regulations, I am requesting that you forward as soon as possible the following documents relating generally to the Early Childhood Alternative Certification Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, specifically:

- number of participants in the Early Childhood Alternative Certification Program who enrolled by cohort year, for cohort 1 (beginning Fall 2007) through and including cohort 7 (ending summer 2014);
- number of students who completed the Early Childhood Alternative Certification program by cohort year, for cohort 1 through and including cohort 7;
- intergovernmental agreements between Chicago Public Schools, or it’s governing body the Chicago Board of Education, and the University of Illinois at Chicago relating to the Early Childhood Alternative Certification Program in effect between 2007 and 2014;
- documents sufficient to show the budget for the Early Childhood Alternative Certification Program for the previous four fiscal years (2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014).”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 117 pages. With regard to request bullet 3, the CARFs between UIC and CPS are attached for cohorts 3, 4, 5, and 6. For cohorts 1, 2 and 7, the University did not have CARFs but have attached purchase orders from CPS board reports. For bullet request 4, the University attached the budgets used to show the cost of program for cohorts 4, 5, 6 and 7, which are the cohorts that correspond to the fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

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