August 24, 2015

Mr. Dan Ye American Learning Education Exchange Organization <u>Dan.ye@collegenode.com</u>

Re: FOIA Request 15-657

Dear Mr. Ye:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated August 8, 2015, and received in my office on August 10, 2015, in which you requested:

"Number of high school students from outside of United States who applied to, accepted and matriculated by University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign in the application year of 2014, separated by high schools (graduating class of 2019).

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In addition...number of high school student from United States who applied to, accepted and matriculated by University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign in the application year of 2014, separated by high schools (both in state and out of state high schools)..."

Due to file size, the records referenced above are available for download at

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Please note, due to the low number of applicants/students from certain high schools, some data was redacted. 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. In some cases, release of the specified data could lead to the re-identification of the student or applicant. Release of this 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.

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