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Dear Megan Griffin,

We are requesting "public records" (as defined by 5 ILCS 140, Section 2(c)) created by the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE") regarding "school personnel" who have sought Administrators' Academy ("AA") credit and/or Continuing Professional Development Units ("CPDU") credit for completing an Illinois Principals Association ("IPA") "Reid technique training."

We use the term "Reid technique training" to mean any Illinois Principals Association Reid technique training given by John E. Reid and Associates, Inc. entirely or partially on the Reid technique interviewing and interrogation method, including, but not limited to, trainings taught by Joseph Buckley. This includes, but is not limited to, trainings titled "Developing Investigative Interviewing Skills. Administrator Academy #1007," or "Developing Interview and Interrogation Skills: Reid Nine Steps of Interrogation. Administrator Academy #1007."

Pursuant to 20 USCS § 7161 (10), we use the term "school personnel" to mean "teachers, principals, administrators, counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, librarians, and other support staff who are employed by a school or who perform services for the school on a contractual basis."

**Please provide for each year over the last ten (10) years:**

**1. How many school personnel sought Administrators' Academy credit for IPA trainings involving the Reid technique?**

**A. Please subcategorize the information by the school district that employs (or employed) him/her.**

- i. Please subdivide by his/her position in either a primary school or secondary school setting.**
- ii. Please subdivide the information by the school personnel's job title.**

**2. How many school personnel sought Continuing Professional Development Units credit for IPA trainings involving the Reid technique?**

**A. Please subcategorize the information by the school district that employs (or employed) him/her.**

**i. Please subdivide by his/her position in either a primary school or secondary school setting.**

**ii. Please subdivide the information by the school personnel's job title.**

**3. Copies of all course proposals for CPDU and/or AA credits involving Reid technique trainings approved by ISBE.**

For each year over the last 10 years, we are looking for information sorted by the school district that employs (or employed) the school personnel. So, for example, if in 2015, 100 school personnel, employed across three districts (X, Y, and Z), completed the IPA training involving the Reid technique and reported to ISBE for Continuing Professional Development Units credit, the information requested would be along the following lines:

In 2015, 100 school personnel sought CPDU credit for completing IPA training involving the Reid technique.

- District X
  - 40 school personnel sought CPDU credit
    - 10 in primary school setting
      - 5 Deans, 3 Assistant Principals, 2 Principals
    - 30 in secondary school setting
      - 10 Deans, 10 Assistant Principals, 10 Principals
- District Y
  - 25 school personnel CPDU credit
    - 5 primary school setting
      - 2 Deans, 1 Assistant Principal, 2 Principals
    - 20 secondary school setting
      - 10 Deans, 5 Assistant Principals, 5 Principals
- District Z
  - 35 school personnel CPDU credit
    - 15 primary school setting
      - 12 Deans, 1 Assistant Principal, 2 Principals
    - 20 secondary school setting
      - 12 Deans, 1 Assistant Principal, 7 Principals

Please send all records to Ashley Fretthold at the below-listed email.. This request is submitted to assist our office in accessing and disseminating meaningful information about the legal rights of the general public. As such, we request a waiver of fees, as it is in the public interest pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/6(c). Thank you for your time, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Fretthold', with a stylized, cursive script.

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