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Dear Ms. Daniels:

I am requesting, the following documents under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.):

1. All minutes, recordings, and agendas for the March 11, 2013 Head of Schools meeting with the Network Instructional Support Leaders referenced in the attached email entitled "Persepolis";
2. All handouts and documents distributed at the March 11, 2013 Head of Schools meeting with Network Instructional Support Leaders reference in the attached email entitled "Persepolis";
3. All memoranda, correspondence, notes, records, electronic communications, minutes, and documents referencing, discussing, or recording the instruction to recall or remove the book "Persepolis" from Chicago Public Schools' classrooms and libraries;
4. All memoranda, correspondence, notes, records, electronic communications, minutes, and documents referencing or recording formal complaints made concerning the book "Persepolis" pursuant to Chicago Public Schools' Policy 604.7;
5. All memoranda, correspondence, notes, records, electronic communications, minutes, and documents referencing or recording informal or oral complaints made concerning the book "Persepolis";
6. Any and all policies addressing acquisition, review, recall, and removal of materials and literature used in Chicago Public School classrooms.

This is a non-commercial request. I understand I will receive an initial response to this request within five (5) business days and that I may be given the choice of inspecting any responsive documents in person at the Chicago Public Schools Central Office, 125 S. Clark Street in Chicago. I further understand that no fee will be charged for the first 50 pages of black and white, letter or legal sized copies, but there may be an additional charge for copies of documents in an electronic format or documents provided in color or in any size other than legal or letter size.

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

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Persepolis
1 message

Dignam, Christopher <cadigam@cps.edu>          Thu, Mar 14, 2013 at 8:29 AM
To: Lane Tech <46221ALL-LaneTechHS@cps.k12.il.us>

Good morning,
Yesterday afternoon, one of the Network Instructional Support Leaders stopped by my office and informed me
(per a directive given during the Chief of Schools meeting on March 11) that all ISLs were directed to
physically go to each school in the Network by Friday (3/15) to:
*Confirm that Persepolis is not in the library,
*Confirm that it has not been checked out by a student or teacher,
*Confirm with the school principal that it is not being used in any classrooms,
*And to collect the autobiographical graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi from all classrooms and the Library.

I was not provided a reason for the collection of Persepolis. If I learn more I will inform all staff.

Chris

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