

Freedom of Information Act Request Report

DATE: January 20, 2026

Date of Request	Organization	Requestor Name	Requested Description
12/31/2025	Lake County Gazette	Owen Wang	<p>I am a news reporter from Lake County Gazette, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:</p> <p>Copies of all active full-time aide contracts/collective bargaining agreements.</p> <p>As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any questions,</p> <p>Owen Wang, Lake County Gazette</p>
1/6/2026	Lake County Gazette	Owen Wang	<p>I am a news reporter from Lake County Gazette, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:</p> <p>Copies of all vendor contracts over \$1,000 for the current school fiscal year.</p> <p>As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any questions,</p> <p>Owen Wang, Lake County Gazette</p>
1/20/2026	Illinois Retired Teachers Association	Sheila Norman	<p>We are reaching out to school districts to request the contact information of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2026. By gathering this information, we hope to extend an invitation for retiring educators to join our association, providing them with valuable benefits such as legislative advocacy, social events, educational resources, and more.</p>
1/20/2026	Public Info Access LLC	Chris Miller	<p>Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., I am requesting copies of any existing records that describe purchasing or contracting approval authority within your School District. Specifically, please provide records, policies, schedules, or tables that identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dollar thresholds requiring approval by school administrators (e.g., principals) <input type="checkbox"/> Dollar thresholds requiring approval by central office staff or department leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the superintendent or designee <input type="checkbox"/> Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the board of education <p>If approval thresholds differ by category (for example, instructional materials, instructional technology, software, professional services, or consulting), please include records reflecting those distinctions.</p> <p>Please note: I am not requesting the creation of any new records. This request is limited to existing records only. If no such records exist, please confirm that in writing.</p> <p>If any of the requested records are already publicly available, a link or citation to their location would be sufficient.</p> <p>This request is being made for non-commercial purposes.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and assistance.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris Miller Public Info Access LLC 984-303-8215</p>