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To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from NW Illinois News, 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:

- PDF copies of all school district vendor contracts/agreements valued at over \$1000 that will be in effect for the upcoming school year
- PDF copies of all employment contracts and collective bargaining agreements for any full-time aide, janitorial staff member, teacher and principals.

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.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Rylan Klatt,

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