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December 11, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

David J. Freeman 550 Warrenville Road, Suite 460 Lisle, Illinois 60532 dfreeman@robbins-schwartz.com

RE: **RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This letter and enclosure constitute the response of Winfield School District No. 34 (the "District") to your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., received on December 4, 2024.

You requested the following:

"[P]lease provide all records of legal and consultant expenses incurred from November 1, 2023, to the present related to the lawsuit filed by District 34 against the Village of Winfield. Detail showing what tasks were performed is not requested. From our previous FOIA request, we have received your response dated November 11, 2024 which included records for billings dated September 30, 2024. We are seeking records of billings since that date."

Your request is granted. See the enclosed records.

Although we have not intended to deny access to any requested document, to the extent you believe otherwise, you may have a right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor ("PAC") at the Office of the Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 Fax: 217-782-1396 Email: public.access@ilag.gov

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your

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original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of any denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

As legal counsel for the District, I am responsible for the District's response to your FOIA request, in consultation with the District's Superintendent and FOIA Officer. If I have misunderstood your request in any way, please clarify your request in writing to me.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Richart

cc: Dr. Matt Rich, Superintendent/FOIA Officer

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> October 31, 2024 Invoice No. 63853

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TOTAL SERVICES FOR THIS MATTER TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THIS MATTER

\$26,786.00 \$10.05



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> November 22, 2024 Invoice No. 64141

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TOTAL SERVICES FOR THIS MATTER

\$25,717.00