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Via Electronic Mail

December 3, 2025

Max Binnington

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RE: FOIA 5-DAY EXTENSION NOTICE

Dear Mr. Binnington:

Thank you for writing to Winfield School District No. 34 (the "District") with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, received on November 21, 2025. Specifically, you requested:

1. *"All bills from external attorneys or law firms for the year 2024, and through July 18, 2025 for 2025.*
1. *All engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms affiliated with any of the legal bills for the time period in item #1.*
1. *All other engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms executed in 2024 and in 2025 through July 18, 2025 not affiliated with any legal bills produced in item #1.*
1. *Documents showing any and all attorneys or legal professionals (attorneys, law firms, law clerks, paralegals and the like) who appeared on behalf of, represented, advised, or otherwise counseled the entity in 2024, and for 2025 through July 18, 2025"*

Under FOIA, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to 5 business days for a limited number of reasons. 5 ILCS 140/3(e). We are extending the time to respond to your request by 5 business days for the following reasons:

- i. the requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records;
- i. the requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of this Act or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions;

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- i. the request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the records responsive to it; and
- i. the request for records cannot be complied with by the public body within the time limits prescribed by subsection (d) of this Section without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the public body

We will respond to your request no later than December 9, 2025.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent, Winfield School District 34

FOIA Officer

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