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Michele Guzik
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Norridge School District 80
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Sent via email to mguzik@norridge80.net

Dear Ms. Guzik:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am making this request of several hundred public agencies and entities in Illinois – mostly in the Chicago area – and including Norridge School District 80 -- as part of a project I am working on, on the costs of challenges to the release of public records.

Please provide me with the following material:

- 1) All settlement agreements resolving any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits;
- 2) All judgments or other court orders requiring you to pay attorney fees, costs, and/or civil penalties in any FOIA lawsuits;
- 3) All invoices from law firms for work on any FOIA lawsuits or Public Access Counselor reviews, where the lawsuit or the PAC review was ultimately decided in favor of the requestor;
- 4) All claims made to an insurance company for coverage involving a FOIA action;
- 5) All studies, reports, or other records calculating or referencing the cost of FOIA lawsuits or PAC reviews on an annual or other time-period basis.

I am requesting all such records from January 1, 2013 to the present.

Because I am a journalist, and because this request is in the public interest, I ask that you waive all fees. And if you choose to deny any part of this request, please tell me why.

I would be happy to help, in any way possible, as you look into this request – including coming to your offices to look at any responsive documents there. If I can do so, or if you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at katy.smyser@nbcuni.com.

Thanks, in advance, for your help with this request!

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