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Subject: FOIA Request - Substitute Teacher Data

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To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Prairie State Wire, 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 14, preferably in electronic format:

1. Total spending on substitute teachers by school, for the past five years. Please provide the expenditure breakdown by year and school.
2. Number of substitute teacher days by school, for the past five years. Kindly provide the number of substitute teacher days for each year and school.
3. Per diem/payment schedule for substitute teachers for the past five years. Please provide the per diem rates or payment schedule used for substitute teachers during each year within the past five years.
4. Names of all substitute teachers, total days worked, and total payments made to them for the last five years. Please provide a list of substitute teachers who have worked within the school district for each year within the past five years. Additionally, include the total number of days worked by each substitute teacher and the corresponding total payment made to them.

I understand that complete data for all the requested points may not be available for all years. In such cases, I kindly request that you provide any partial data that is available to you. I greatly appreciate any efforts made to fulfill this request, even if it involves providing partial data.

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,

Vince Espi

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