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Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms Griffin;

Under the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140**, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that **detail the purpose stated by Oswego CUSD 308 in it's application in 2004 for a construction grant for \$49 million, along with email correspondence sent or received by ISBE on where the application of this construction grant was discussed.**

My preference is for electronic delivery of requested records - via email to [REDACTED]

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. However the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees (if applicable) when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request. **The local School Board is selling bonds to raise working capital, stating they need to do this due to the State's failure to pay them a \$49 million grant as the underlying reason. I'm investigating the details of the grant, as I've not been able to get the details out of other agencies - and will be writing it up in a letter to the Oswego Ledger Sentinel.** If a fee waiver is not permitted, please let me know the reason for the denial, as well as the cost of reproduction of the records requested.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Wareman
[REDACTED]

