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Sent via Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Coletti,

Thank you for your July 13, 2026, letter regarding Elgin Community College's Media Relations Administrative Procedure (3.907). We appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns directly with the College.

Elgin Community College is committed to freedom of expression, academic freedom, and the important role an independent student press plays in informing our campus community. Our Media Relations procedure is intended to support accurate and coordinated institutional communications, ensure compliance with applicable laws such as FERPA, and clarify who is authorized to speak on behalf of the College regarding official institutional matters. It is not intended to restrict lawful expression by students, faculty, or staff or to discourage legitimate newsgathering by student journalists.

Your letter raises questions regarding both the language of the procedure and its implementation. We believe those concerns warrant a careful review. Accordingly, we have initiated a review of the procedure with the assistance of College leadership and legal counsel to determine whether any clarifications or revisions are appropriate and to prepare a comprehensive response to the issues you have raised.

We are committed to responding thoughtfully and comprehensively. We anticipate completing a review and providing a substantive response addressing the issues raised in your letter no later than August 31, 2026.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention. We appreciate the opportunity to review these matters carefully and look forward to responding once that review is complete.

Sincerely,

Peggy Heinrich, EdD
President
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