# WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. William Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

DATE: October 27, 2025

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BOARD REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENT AND

**CORRESPONDENCE** 

The Illinois School Code (10-6) requires that "The Board President or Superintendent shall report to the Board at each regular meeting any requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and shall report the status of the response

Enclosed with the Board Agenda is a report on the status of such requests.

All that is necessary to comply with the Act is for the Board President to note for purpose of the public record that the Administration has reported to the Board of Education requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the status or the requests, and that a copy of the report as presented will be attached to the official minutes.

Date(s)	Date	Requester	Company
Submitted	Responded		
September 19, 2025	September 24, 2025	Sheri Reid	SmartProcure
October 7, 2025	October 8, 2025	Janie Jordan	Data Research Partners LLC
October 16, 2025	October 21, 2025	Yiran Zhang	SEIU Local
October 24, 2025	October 24, 2025	Steve Watts	Unknown

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DATE: September 24, 2025

TO: Sheri Reid

**Data Acquisition Specialist** 

**SmartProcure** 

Direct: (561) 609-6759 | Support: 954-420-9900

Email: <a href="mailto:sreid@smartprocure.com">sreid@smartprocure.us/</a> | <a href="https://smartprocure.us/">https://smartprocure.us/</a>

5000 T-Rex Ave, Suite 200, Boca Raton, FL 33431

The District 68 Freedom of Information Officer, Dr. William Schmidt, received your request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et. Seq. (the FOIA).

We preface this response by advising you that the Illinois FOIA imposes no obligation on a public body to create a record in response to a request for information under the Act.

Date Requested: September 19, 2025

Date Responded: September 24, 2025

#### **Request:**

Sheri Reid Attachments Fri, Sep 19, 1:02 PM (5 days ago) to schmidtw@woodridge68.org, me

Dear William Schmidt.

Thank you for reviewing our request.

Please confirm receipt of this request. The attached documents are past reports from your agency, and can be used as references for this request.

SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to Woodridge School District No. 68 for general purchasing records from 2/4/2025 to the current request date of 9/19/2025.

To be specific, we are looking for a report comparable in format and content to the attached report from an older request.

The unique upload link below has been added as a security measure for current and future requests. Please feel free to upload responsive documents here, or attach them to your response email:

https://upload.smartprocure.com

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or at the phone number in my signature below.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Sheri Reid Data Acquisition Specialist SmartProcure

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Email: sreid@smartprocure.com | https://smartprocure.us/5000 T-Rex Ave, Suite 200, Boca Raton, FL 33431

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Reid:

The requested information was uploaded to the link provided in email on September 24, 2025.

The FOIA specifically provides that a public body is not obligated to prepare a public record for the purpose of responding to a FOIA request. 5 ILCS 140/1. The FOIA only requires that a public body provide existing non-exempt records in response to requests.

To the extent you interpret the responses in this letter to be a denial of your requests, you have the right to have the denials to your requests reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62706, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, Phone: 1-877-299-3642.

If you choose to file a Request for Review the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of the

denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request for documents and the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DATE: October 8, 2025 TO: Janie Jordan

Data Research Partners LLC 11143 Arrowhead Lane Nathrop, CO 81236

janie@dataresearchpartners.com

The District 68 Freedom of Information Officer, Dr. William Schmidt, received your request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et. Seq. (the FOIA).

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Date Requested: October 7, 2025

Date Responded: October 8, 2025

#### **Request:**

October 7, 2025

William Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Woodridge School District 68

Dear Dr. Schmidt,

Pursuant to the state open records law, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1 to 140/11.5, I write to request access to and a copy of a listing of all Woodridge School District 68's employees' first and last names, e-mail address, title/position, and primary campus/department location.

Please provide this information in an electronic format such

as Excel or .csv format to this email address if possible. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within five (5) working days. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3(c).

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Janie Jordan janie@dataresearchpartners.com Data Research Partners LLC 11143 Arrowhead Lane Nathrop, CO 81236

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Jordan:

The requested information emailed on October 8, 2025, to <u>janie@dataresearchpartners.com</u> per your requested method.

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# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DATE: October 21, 2025
TO: Yiran Zhang
Research Director
SEIU Local 1

200 E. Randolph St. Ste 1500

Chicago, Il 60601 312-233-8962

The District 68 Freedom of Information Officer, Dr. William Schmidt, received your request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et. Seq. (the FOIA).

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Date Requested: October 16, 2025

Date Responded: October 21, 2025

#### **Request:**

From: **Yiran Zhang** <<u>zhangy@seiu1.org</u>> Date: Thu, Oct 16, 2025 at 2:03 PM

Subject: FOIA Request

To: <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please consider this a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request copies of documents related to the District's Food Services and Custodial Services:

- Current Contract(s) for Food Services, including value and expiration dates and any renewals
- Current Contract(s) for Custodial Services, including value and expiration dates and any renewals
- Staffing numbers for Food Service
- Staffing numbers for Custodial Service
- If these employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, a copy of the CBA.

If available, electronic copies of these records would be preferred and greatly appreciated. You may send

the requested materials to me via the e-mail or postal address listed below. I am willing to pay all reasonable fees. If the fee is over \$50 please contact me before proceeding. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does. If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. If any document contains confidential/exempt information, please provide redacted copies of such documents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Yiran Zhang (she/her) Research Director SEIU Local 1 200 E Randolph St, Ste 1500 Chicago, IL 60601 o - 312.233.8962 c - 937.367.2764

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Zhang:

The requested information emailed on October 21, 2025, to <u>zhangy@seiu1.org</u> per your requested method.

The FOIA specifically provides that a public body is not obligated to prepare a public record for the purpose of responding to a FOIA request. 5 ILCS 140/1. The FOIA only requires that a public body provide existing non-exempt records in response to requests.

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# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DATE: October 24, 2025 TO: Steve Watts

1300 Buchta Rd Angleton, IX 77515 Steve.watts643@gmail.com

The District 68 Freedom of Information Officer, Dr. William Schmidt, received your request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et. Seq. (the FOIA).

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Date Requested: October 24, 2025

Date Responded: October 24, 2025

#### **Request:**

From: Steve Watts < steve.watts643@gmail.com >

Date: Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 5:20 AM Subject: Public Records Request To: <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>

Good day Mr. Schmidt,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm reaching out under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) to kindly request public records for all current employees at Woodridge School District 68. Specifically, I'm looking for the following information:

- Full legal name
- Job title or role
- Official work email address
- Assigned worksite or campus
- Current annual salary

If this information is already compiled in a report or spreadsheet, I'd really appreciate receiving the most up-to-date version available. An electronic file—ideally in Excel (.xlsx) or CSV (.csv) format—would be perfect.

If anything in my request needs clarification or adjustment, please don't hesitate to let me know. I'm happy to work with you to make sure everything is clear and manageable. I'd also be grateful for a response within the timeframe outlined in the Illinois FOIA statute.

Thanks so much for your time and help—I truly appreciate it, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards, Steve Watts 1300 Buchta Rd, Angleton, TX 77515 steve.watts643@gmail.com

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Watts:

The requested information emailed on October 24, 2025, to <u>steve.watts643@gmail.com</u> per your requested method.

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