

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: September 21, 2026

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 of the requests, and that a copy of the report as presented will be attached to the official minutes.

Date(s) Submitted	Date(s) Responded	Requester	Company
August 25, 2026,	August 26, 2026	Marlon Anderson	Midwest Bus Sales
August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026	Catarina Mascarenhas	DuPage Policy Journal
September 7, 2026	September 9, 2026	CT Mills	Educators Support Network
September 8, 2026	September 9, 2026	Justin Wenig	Starbridge
September 8, 2026	September 9, 2026	Brendan and Renee Cain	

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT**

DATE: August 26, 2026
TO: Marlon Anderson
Midwest Bus Sales
manderson@midwestbussales.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).

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: August 25, 2026

Date Responded: August 26, 2026

Request:

On Tue, Aug 25, 2026 at 2:29 PM 'MARLON ANDERSON' via Superintendent
<superintendent@woodridge68.org>
wrote:
Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I request copies of the following public records of Woodridge SD 68:

Bus purchase and lease records, and bid tabulations, 2016-2026

- Any executed purchase or lease agreements, and related board award memoranda, for school buses or other pupil-transportation vehicles within the same period

Electronic copies (PDF by email) are preferred and will minimize copying costs. In accordance with Section 3.1 of the Act, please note that this request is made for a commercial purpose. If the fees to fulfill this request will exceed \$25, please contact me with an estimate before proceeding.

If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory exemption relied upon and advise me of my right to review. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marlon Anderson | Chicagoland Sales Representative

Midwest Bus Sales

The District responds to your request as follows:

Marlon Anderson:

Please be advised that Woodridge School District 68 has no responsive documents because we contract out to First Student.

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 2nd 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.

Dr. William Schmidt
Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT**

DATE: September 1, 2026
TO: Catarina Mascarenhas
DuPage Policy Journal
foia@dupagepolicyjournal.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).

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: August 28, 2026
Date Responded: September 1, 2026

Request:

From: foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com
Date: August 28, 2026 at 9:03:46 AM CDT
To: broncatop@woodridge68.org
Subject: Teacher Hires and Retires Series 1 - FOIA - Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Catarina Mascarenhas and I am writing to you as a news reporter from/on behalf of a news publication, and on behalf of the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy. The below request is made pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, and I request the disclosure of the records described below, preferably in electronic format.

We seek the following existing records concerning teachers who retired at the end of the 2025-2026 school year and teachers newly hired for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Existing records showing teachers who retired from the district during or at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, including but not limited to retirement lists, personnel action reports, and board-approved personnel items, and any data extract of those records showing name, position, subject or grade assignment, school, and effective date.
2. Existing records showing teachers newly hired by the district for the 2026-2027 school year, including but not limited to new-hire lists, personnel action reports, and board-approved personnel items, and any data extract of those records showing name, position, subject or grade assignment, school, and start date.

Please furnish the records in the electronic format requested where feasible.

Please Note: The requestor is (or is a member of) The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>.

This request is for a non-commercial purpose and the requestor(s) is(are) subject to a fee waiver.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very respectfully,

Catarina Mascarenhas

The District responds to your request as follows:

Catarina Mascarenhas:

The response was provided electronically on September 1, 2026, to foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com.

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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WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT**

DATE: September 9, 2026
TO: CT Mills
Public Info Access LLC
contact@educatorsupportnetwork.org

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 7, 2026

Date Responded: September 9, 2026

Request:

contact@educatorsupportnetwork.org
Sep 7, 2026, 3:41 AM

Dear Records Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., I respectfully request copies of any existing records showing district-issued direct work telephone numbers, direct dial lines, or work extensions for employees currently serving in the district's Central Office / District Administration Office.

This request is limited to official district work contact numbers only. I am not requesting personal cell phone numbers, home phone numbers, or privately maintained contact information.

If this information is maintained in a staff directory, central office phone list, internal contact list, telecommunications record, or similar existing record, an electronic copy is sufficient.

If any portion is denied, please cite the specific statutory basis and release all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

This request is made for non-commercial, informational purposes. Electronic delivery by email is preferred.

Sincerely,
CT Mills

The District responds to your request as follows:

CT Mills:

The response was provided electronically on September 9, 2026, to contact@educatorsupportnetwork.org.

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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.

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DATE: September 9, 2026
TO: Justing Wenig
Starbridge FOIA Insight
Justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com

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Date Requested: September 8, 2026
Date Responded: September 9, 2026

Request:

From: Justin Wenig <justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com>
Date: September 8, 2026 at 1:58:20 PM CDT
To: Schmidtw@woodridge68.org
Subject: FOIA Request: Purchase data
Reply-To: justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), I am requesting existing electronic records maintained by Woodridge School District 68 reflecting payment records for all vendor entities (companies, organizations, contractors, and other non-person payees) from January 1, 2026 to current date, including at minimum:

Purchase date

Vendor name

Line-item description

Line-item amount

If vendor names are coded, please include the existing vendor list/key.

Examples of responsive records: AP vendor history, check register, procurement report, PO detail report, warrant/claims report, PO history report. These are illustrative only. Any existing report containing the requested fields is responsive. I am not requesting creation of a new record.

This request concerns non-person transactions. If personnel payments (payroll, stipends, reimbursements) appear in the same report, no separation is needed; the report as-is fulfills this request.

I am requesting existing electronic records only (no copying, scanning, or printing).

If misrouted, please forward to the correct contact and reply with that contact's information.

If denied in whole or part, please cite the specific exemption for each denial and provide all segregable non-exempt portions.

Please reach out if any clarification would help expedite this request.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Justin Wenig

The District responds to your request as follows:

Justin Wenig:

The response was provided electronically on September 9, 2026, to justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com.

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DATE: September 9, 2026
TO: Brendan and Renee Cain
brendanpcain@gmail.com

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Date Requested: September 8, 2026
Date Responded: September 9, 2026

Request:

From: **Brendan Cain** <brendanpcain@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 8, 2026 at 7:00 AM
Subject: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request - Brendan Cain
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: Renee Cain <reeneicolecain@gmail.com>

Dear Dr. Schmidt,

This is a request for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140).

I am requesting copies of the following public records maintained by Woodridge School District 68:

1. **Specific Communications:** Any and all email communications, including any attachments, sent or received between staff at Meadowview Elementary School and Meadowview Principal Dr. Kelly Neylon between 09:00 hours on September 2, 2026, and 15:00 hours on September 4, 2026, regarding incidents occurring on September 2, 2026, and/or September 3, 2026.
2. **Incident Documentation:** Any official incident reports, memos, log entries, or documentation generated by Meadowview Elementary School staff or district administration concerning the incidents on September 2, 2026, and September 3, 2026.
3. **Administrative Responsibilities & Policy:** Copies of active district policies, administrative procedures, or handbook sections outlining the official responsibilities of school administration regarding acts of violence and school safety responses.

Commercial Purpose Disclosure:

- This request is NOT made for a commercial purpose.

Fee Waiver:

Please provide the requested records electronically via email to brendanpcain@gmail.com. If any fees are associated with this request, please notify me in advance. I request a waiver of all fees, as the disclosure of this information is in the public interest and relates directly to school safety operations.

As required by law, I look forward to your response within 5 business days.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Brendan and Renee Cain

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Brendan and Renee Cain:

The response was provided electronically on September 9, 2026 to brendanpcain@gmail.com.

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