

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: April 21, 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 of the requests, and that a copy of the report as presented will be attached to the official minutes.

Date(s) Submitted	Date Responded	Requester	Company
March 17, 2025	March 19, 2025	Joel Orozco	Workforce Development SMART Local 265
March 14, 2025	March 27, 2025	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	ACB
March 21, 2025	March 27, 2025	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	ACB
March 23, 2025	March 27, 2025	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	ACB
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March 31.2028	March 31, 2025	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	ACB
April 7, 2025	April 7, 2025	David Arvayo @ darvayo@pdc30.com	Painters District Council No. 30
April 8, 2025	April 11, 2025	Rob Propst	Waste Management
April 16, 2025	April 17.2025	Sarah James	Employee Data Analytics

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

DATE: March 19, 2025
TO: Joel Orozco
Workforce Development
SMART Local 265
205 Alexandra Way
Carol Stream, IL. 60188
Office 630-668-0110
Mobile 630-601-0762
Direct 630-526-4230
Fax 630-668-2876

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 Request: March 17, 2025
Date Responded: March 19, 2025

Request:

From: **Joel Orozco** <jorozco@smart265.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 3:17 PM
Subject: FOIA Request
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>

Attention FOIA Officer,

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for all schools within your district. Please provide the requested information broken down by school. If preferred, I can submit separate FOIA requests. This request applies to all schools in your district, including but not limited to the following:

District Office
Edgewood Elementary School
Goodrich Elementary School
Meadowview Elementary
Silpey Elementary
William F. Murphy
Willow Creek Elementary

I am requesting information regarding construction and/or maintenance work planned for this year for any building owned or leased by your district that falls under the following scopes:

- **HVAC** (Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation), Exhaust Systems
- **Roof Work**, including architectural metals used for weatherproofing and/or ornamental purposes
- **Gutters and/or Downspouts**
- **New Installation and/or Replacement of Lockers**
- **New Installation and/or Replacement of Toilet Partitions**
- **Kitchen Renovations**

• **Current HVAC Maintenance Contracts**

If any contracts have already been awarded, please include the names and contact information of the contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s).

The requested information can be sent via fax, email, or mail to the address listed on this request—whichever is most convenient for you.

This FOIA request is for private use. If the required five-day turnaround cannot be met, please notify me as soon as possible with an estimated timeline or an extension request.

Thank you for your time, cooperation, and public service. I appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

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SMOHIT Helpline: Available 24/7 at [877-884-6227](tel:877-884-6227) to members and their families throughout the United States and Canada. Free, confidential, voluntary.

When to call? Call for just about anything that gets in the way of you being your best self.

911 for all medical emergencies

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Orozco:

The requested information was provided electronically March 19, 2025 to jorozco@smart265.org

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Freedom of Information Office

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ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Date Requested: March 14, 2025

Date Responded: March 27, 2025

Subject Line: DuPage*ESD68*Woodridge (19-022-0680-02): FOIA REQUEST #1

Dear Superintendent,

See attached FOIA Request.

When initially responding to the attached FOIA request, please send the first response as a "Reply" email to ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me rather than starting a new thread via a new email. If both parties respond in the same manner (responding to the most recent inbound email from the other party) until the request is fulfilled, there will only be one email thread. Additionally, please remove any "Re: " prefix (or any other "Reply" abbreviation, if any) from the subject line prior to clicking "Send" to ensure that all "Reply" emails related to this request have the same exact "Subject" line text (see above) for sorting purposes. This approach aligns with the statutory duty under 5 ILCS 140/3.5(a)(4), which requires the retention of written communications and responses. By maintaining a single thread, we can ensure that all communications are efficiently organized and retained, facilitating compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in maintaining the suggested structured communication practice, which we both should be able to agree, is essential for efficient communications, record-keeping, and compliance.

Thus, all written communications surrounding the fulfillment of this FOIA can be archived (print-to-PDF) by both the FOIA officer and the requester as a single document, maintaining a clear and organized record of our interaction.

The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, March 21, 2025

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

March 14, 2025

RE: FOIA Request #1 for Financial Records data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)

Dear Superintendent,

INTRODUCTION

We are writing to submit a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140) for public records. We are submitting this request for non-commercial purposes. As such, we expect a response by Friday, March 21, 2025, which is five working days from the date of receipt by the public body (5 ILCS 140/3(d)).

If you are the appointed Freedom of Information Act officer for this public body, please acknowledge receipt of this request and confirm that it is being processed. If you are not the FOIA officer responsible for handling financial records, please immediately forward this request to the Treasurer, who is the legal custodian of the school district's funds and maintains the records related to financial transactions, fund balances, and checking accounts. Please add our email address, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me, as a "Cc" to any email forwarding this FOIA request to either the Treasurer or FOIA officer, so that we are made aware that the process of a reply has begun.

As the Superintendent and "Head of the public body" under the Illinois FOIA statute, you have a statutory duty to ensure compliance with this request. According to the statute, "Head of the public body" means the president, mayor, chairman, or other chief executive or administrative officer elected or appointed to the office of the public body, or, in the case of a public body that does not have an elected or appointed chief executive or administrative officer, the person who is

responsible for conducting the affairs of the public body (5 ILCS 140/2). This designation is crucial for maintaining accountability and ensuring that FOIA requests are handled properly, as it creates a clear line of responsibility for compliance with the Act.

The Illinois General Assembly included this definition to ensure that there is a specific individual accountable for compliance, aligning with the FOIA's purpose of promoting transparency and accountability in government operations. The preamble to the FOIA emphasizes the importance of transparency and accountability, and by designating a "Head of the public body," the statute reinforces these principles by providing a structured approach to compliance.

We are submitting this request to the official email address designated by the Illinois State Board of Education for communication with the school district's chief administrator. This ensures that the request is directed to the appropriate individual responsible for ensuring full compliance with the FOIA statute.

We demand that our email address, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me, be added to the contact list within the email program of the Head of the public body, FOIA officer(s), and Treasurer. This is essential to prevent future communications from being inadvertently flagged as spam or junk mail. Failure to do so could lead to delayed or missed responses to subsequent requests. Failure to update the contact list after being explicitly instructed to do so, and despite being informed of the importance of this action to prevent emails from being flagged as spam, may be considered a negligent or bad faith act. This negligence could lead to missed or delayed responses to subsequent FOIA requests, which could be asserted as part of any civil action taken to enforce compliance with the Act. We will not tolerate any attempts to avoid compliance through technical oversights or negligence.

As required by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, we expect a timely response and full compliance with this request. Failure to comply may result in legal action to enforce our rights under the Act.

REQUESTED RECORDS

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the Treasurer's office for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2024, 2014, and 2004 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This includes all relevant financial data from districts that, at the time, were separate entities but now form part of the current district. For example, if Districts #100 and #200 were separate in 2004 but consolidated into District #300 in 2010, we would request data for Districts #100 and #200 individually for 2004, and then only for District #300 for 2014 and 2024. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

These records should be provided in their native electronic format, as they are maintained by the Treasurer. Specifically, we are seeking the data contained within each cell of the Excel worksheets used by the Treasurer to track these financial transactions. This data should be provided in a single Excel workbook file, with each fiscal year's data on a separate worksheet tab. We suggest labeling each tab as "FYxxxx," where "xxxx" represents the respective fiscal year (e.g., FY2024, FY2014, and FY2004). The requested format for the data within each tab is as follows:

☐ Column A: Fiscal Year - The specific fiscal year for which the data applies (e.g., 2024, 2014, and 2004).

☐ Column B: Person/Firm/Contractor Name - The full name of the person, firm or

contractor receiving payments.

□ Column C: Aggregate Amount Paid - The total aggregate dollar amount paid to each vendor or contractor for the respective fiscal year.

By maintaining a structured system gathering expenditure data for vendors, contractors, individuals, etc. at or greater than \$500 in a single, organized file, this approach transforms raw data into actionable information. It creates a centralized repository that can be easily updated annually by the Treasurer, allowing for seamless additions of new fiscal year data. This "evergreen" file will serve as a valuable resource, first and foremost, for the elected members of the Board of Education who collectively oversee the public body, secondly for the taxpayers who fund the public body, and also for parents, employees, media, academic researchers, and other community stakeholders, enhancing transparency and facilitating informed decision-making and long-term analysis of financial trends. It also aligns with best practices for record-keeping and compliance, ensuring that financial information remains accessible and organized over time. In the event that we submit subsequent FOIA requests for additional fiscal years, we kindly request that these new data sets be added to the same Excel workbook file, maintaining the same format and organization. This will allow us to keep all relevant data in a single, searchable file, enhancing our ability to analyze and compare financial information across multiple years.

FORMAT AND DELIVERY

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(e), we request that these records be provided in an electronic format, as they are already maintained in such a format for submission to the ISBE. This will ensure compliance with the Act's provisions regarding the provision of records in a reasonable electronic format.

We request that the Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data in a manner similar to the following:

"I, [Treasurer's Name], Treasurer of [School District Name, County and RCDT Number], do hereby certify that the attached records, which consist of expenditure data for vendors, contractors, and individuals (i.e., excluding the salaries and benefits of staff and employees), at or greater than \$500 for the fiscal years 2024, 2014, and 2004, are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. These records are provided in response to a Freedom of Information Act request received by the public body on [Date Received], as evidenced by the email server timestamp. I further certify that these records include all information responsive to the request and that no other records exist that are not included in this response."

Additionally, we request a waiver of any applicable certification fee, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, all records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying, unless the public body can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the records are exempt from disclosure (5 ILCS 140/1.2). We expect a timely response and adherence to the statutory requirements. Public bodies are required to respond to requests within five working days after receipt of the request, unless an extension is properly justified (5 ILCS 140/3(d)).

Any failure to comply with this request will be viewed as indifference or negligence in fulfilling statutory duties. If necessary, we will pursue all available legal remedies, including filing complaints for official misconduct under Section 33-3 of the Illinois Criminal Code (720 ILCS 5/33-3), which may result in felony charges against responsible officials, including the Superintendent. Additionally, we may seek injunctive relief, attorney fees, and civil penalties as provided under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, to ensure that our rights under FOIA are respected.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction. However, we are requesting a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds. By disclosing these records, the public can better understand how financial resources are allocated and ensure that they are used efficiently and effectively.

Thank you.

Email Address:

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

Email Body:

Reply above this line.

Date: March 14, 2025

Subject Line: [County*Type+##*Name (xx-xxx-xxxx-xx): FOIA REQUEST #1]

Dear Superintendent,

See attached FOIA Request.

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The District responds to your request as follows:

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Steps to access desired data:

1. Go to ISBE Website (www.isbe.net)
2. In the search bar type "Annual Statement of Affairs"
3. Click on "Archive Publications/Reports"
4. Click on "Cerebus FTP Server" link
5. In username type "finread" and hit enter
6. Click on the file folder titled "ASA"
7. Click on the fiscal year desired (from 2006 through 2024)
8. Click on the appropriate fiscal year "SD" file
9. Click on the Woodridge SD 68 ASA excel file for the year selected (the file is named "19-022-0690-02_WoodridgeSD_ASA.xls or xlsx")
10. Once in this excel spreadsheet click on the appropriate "payment tabs" for \$500 to \$999, \$1,000 to \$2,500 and over \$2,500 to access the requested vendor listings.

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**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
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DATE: March 27, 2025
TO: ACB
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Date Request: March 21, 2025
Date Responded: March 27, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #2 for Financial Records Data ... Fiscal Years 2019, 2009, and 1999 (5 ILCS 140/2.5) (ROE Grouping - 19)

Dear Superintendent,

NOTICE: Please refer to FOIA #1's Notice section (dated March 14, 2025) for detailed instructions on handling this request.

Note that there is no attachment to this FOIA #2; instead, all instructions found in FOIA #1 should be referenced and adhered to for this request as well. This serves as a reminder that you are bound by the same requirements and expectations outlined in FOIA #1. In summary, please respond as a "Reply" to this email, removing any "Re: " prefix or other "Reply" abbreviation from the subject line. By maintaining a single thread, we can ensure that all communications are efficiently organized and retained, facilitating compliance and making it easier to track and archive our interaction.

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1 but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #2

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2019, 2009, and 1999 by each school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

For convenience and organization, we suggest adding the data for fiscal years 2019, 2009, and 1999 as additional worksheet tabs to the Excel workbook delivered for FOIA #1 (containing FY, 2024, FY2014, and FY2004). This would result in a single Excel workbook containing six tabs (FY2024, FY2019, FY2014, FY2009, FY2004, and FY1999), organizing all responses to date in one file. If this is not feasible, please provide the data for FY2019, FY2009, and FY1999 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years 2019, 2009, and 1999.

We request a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, March 28, 2025

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

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NOTICE:

This email constitutes a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request when the subject line follows a format similar to: "FOIA Request #__ For Public Records (Date: Day, Month, 2025)". For such emails:

1. If not already done so in response to a previous FOIA request, immediately add ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me as a trusted contact in all email accounts maintained by, or otherwise confirm that this email address has been added as a trusted contact in all email accounts maintained by:
 - a) The designated FOIA Officer(s) of your public body
"Each public body shall designate one or more officials or employees to act as its Freedom of Information officer or officers." (5 ILCS 140/3.5)
 - b) The Head of the public body as defined in 5 ILCS 140/2(e)
2. Implement appropriate email filtering rules to ensure communications from this address are not diverted to spam, junk, or quarantine folders.
3. Acknowledge receipt of the initial FOIA request email by clicking the "Send read receipt" option in your email client on the same date as received or the next business day. This action:
 - a) Confirms the date and time the FOIA request was sent, as stated in the subject line
 - b) Establishes the timestamp for calculating all subsequent statutory deadlines under FOIA
 - c) Initiates an outbound email from your public body to our address, improving future deliverability

FAILURE TO COMPLY with these directives may result in:

1. Constructive denial of the FOIA request due to non-response within the statutorily mandated timeframe. Note: "The FOIA request was routed to a spam folder" will not be considered a valid excuse, as compliance with directives #1 and #2 above effectively eliminates this possibility. The court is unlikely to find "the dog ate the requester's well-drafted FOIA" arguments persuasive, especially when the dog should have been put on a leash (as per directives #1 and #2) when warned via this Notice.
2. A determination that the public body has "acted in bad faith" as contemplated by 5 ILCS 140/11(j), potentially subjecting the public body to civil penalties.
3. Immediate legal action to compel compliance with FOIA and to seek all available remedies under Illinois law.

This notice serves as written documentation of your awareness regarding proper handling of communications from this email address.

Be advised that all actions or inactions related to this FOIA request will be meticulously documented and may be used as evidence in any subsequent legal proceedings.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

Created with the assistance of:

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

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March 23, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #3_March 23, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1 but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #3: FY2020, FY2010, FY2000

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2020, 2010, and 2000 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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please provide the data for fiscal years 2020, 2010, and 2000 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years 2020, 2010, and 2000.

We request a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

Please add our email address, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me, to your contact lists to prevent future communications from being flagged as spam.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, March 28, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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5. A determination that the public body has "acted in bad faith" as contemplated by 5 ILCS 140/11(j), potentially subjecting the public body to civil penalties.
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The District responds to your request as follows:

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Steps to access desired data:

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

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

DATE: March 27, 2025
TO: ACB
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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 Request: March 24, 2025
Date Responded: March 27, 2025

NOTICE: Please refer to FOIA #1's Notice section (dated March 14, 2025) for detailed instructions on handling this request. In summary, please respond as a "Reply" to this email, removing any "Re: " prefix or other "Reply" abbreviation from the subject line. By maintaining a single thread, we can ensure that all communications are efficiently organized and retained, facilitating compliance and making it easier to track and archive our interaction.

March 24, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #4_March 24, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

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REQUEST #4: FY2021, FY2011, FY2001

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2021, 2011, and 2001 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Monday, March 31, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

Address:

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

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

DATE: March 27, 2025
TO: ACB
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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 Request: March 25, 2025
Date Responded: March 27, 2025

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March 25, 2025

Subject: **FOIA REQUEST #5** March 25, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, FOIA #3 and FOIA #4, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #5: FY2022, FY2012, FY2002

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years **2022, 2012, and 2002** by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Dr. William Schmidt

Woodridge School District No. 68
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DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
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DATE: March 27, 2025
TO: ACB
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Date Requested: March 26, 2025
Date Responded: March 27, 2025

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March 26, 2026

Subject: **FOIA REQUEST #6** March 26, 2026_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, FOIA #3, FOIA #4 and FOIA #5, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #6: FY2023, FY2013, FY2003

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The 5-day due date for this request is: **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:

ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Dr. William Schmidt

Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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

DATE: March 28, 2025
TO: ACB
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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 Request: March 28, 2025
Date Responded: March 28, 2025

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March 28, 2026

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #7 March 28, 2026_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping – 19

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, FOIA #3, FOIA #4, FOIA #5 and FOIA #6, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #7: FY2018, FY2008, FY1998

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

For convenience and organization, we suggest adding the data for fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998 as additional worksheet tabs to the Excel workbook delivered to us in response to FOIA #1 (containing FY, 2024, FY2014, and FY2004). This would result in a single Excel workbook containing multiple "annual" tabs, organizing all responses to date in one file. If this is not feasible, please provide the data for fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998.

We request a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

Please add our email address, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me, to your contact lists to prevent future communications from being flagged as spam.

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, all records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying, unless the public body can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the records are exempt from disclosure (5 ILCS 140/1.2). We expect a timely response and adherence to the statutory requirements.

The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, April 4, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Steps to access desired data:

61. Go to ISBE Website (www.isbe.net)
62. In the search bar type "Annual Statement of Affairs"
63. Click on "Archive Publications/Reports"
64. Click on "Cerebus FTP Server" link
65. In username type "finread" and hit enter
66. Click on the file folder titled "ASA"
67. Click on the fiscal year desired (from 2006 through 2024)
68. Click on the appropriate fiscal year "SD" file
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Dr. William Schmidt
Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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

DATE: March 31, 2025
TO: ACB
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Date Request: March 29, 2025
Date Responded: March 31, 2025

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March 29, 2026

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #8 March 29, 2026_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

This request is submitted for non-commercial purposes under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). It is similar to FOIA #1, FOIA #2, FOIA #3, FOIA #4, FOIA #5, FOIA #6, and FOIA #7, but seeks financial data for different fiscal years. Please refer to FOIA #1 for detailed instructions on handling this request, including the format for the data and the structured communication practice.

REQUEST #8: FY2015, FY2005

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2015 and 2005 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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result in a single Excel workbook containing multiple "annual" tabs, organizing all responses to date in one file. If this is not feasible, please provide the data for fiscal years 2015 and 2005 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

We request that each district's Treasurer certify the electronically maintained data. The certification should be similar to the one requested in FOIA #1, stating that the records are true, correct, and complete copies of all relevant records found in the files of the Office of the School Treasurer, official custodian of all district money as well as all investments owned by the district. This certification should cover the data for fiscal years 2015 and 2005.

We request a waiver of any applicable copying or processing fees, as this request serves the public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, April 4, 2025.

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Email Address:
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Steps to access desired data:

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Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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

DATE: March 31, 2025
TO: ACB
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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Date Request: March 30, 2025
Date Responded: March 31, 2025

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March 30, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #9 March 30, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

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REQUEST #9: FY2016, FY2006

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2016 and 2006 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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provide the data for fiscal years 2016 and 2006 in a separate Excel workbook following the same format as specified in FOIA #1.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Friday, April 4, 2025.

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Email Address:
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DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF
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Date Request: March 31, 2025
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March 31, 2025

Subject: FOIA REQUEST #10 March 31, 2025_Financial Records Data (5 ILCS 140/2.5)_ROE Grouping - 19

Dear Superintendent,

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REQUEST #10: FY2017, FY2007

We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the district's Treasurer for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2017 and 2007 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district. This request specifically excludes salaries, wages, and benefits paid to staff members. We are interested in vendors, firms, and individuals who have received total payments of \$500 or more for each fiscal year, regardless of whether this total comes from a single payment or multiple payments.

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The 5-day due date for this request is: Monday, April 7, 2025.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this public records request.

Email Address:
ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

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FAILURE TO COMPLY with these directives may result in:

4. Constructive denial of the FOIA request due to non-response within the statutorily mandated timeframe. Note: "The FOIA request was routed to a spam folder" will not be considered a valid excuse, as compliance with directives #1 and #2 above effectively eliminates this possibility. The court is unlikely to find "the dog ate the requester's well-drafted FOIA" arguments persuasive, especially when the dog should have been put on a leash (as per directives #1 and #2) when warned via this Notice.

5. A determination that the public body has "acted in bad faith" as contemplated by 5 ILCS 140/11(j), potentially subjecting the public body to civil penalties.
6. Immediate legal action to compel compliance with FOIA and to seek all available remedies under Illinois law.

This notice serves as written documentation of your awareness regarding proper handling of communications from this email address.

Be advised that all actions or inactions related to this FOIA request will be meticulously documented and may be used as evidence in any subsequent legal proceedings.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

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The District responds to your request as follows:

This is public information archived and available on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Website for Fiscal Years 2006-2024. Woodridge School District 68 does not have the requested information prior to 2006.

Steps to access desired data:

91. Go to ISBE Website (www.isbe.net)
92. In the search bar type "Annual Statement of Affairs"
93. Click on "Archive Publications/Reports"
94. Click on "Cerebus FTP Server" link
95. In username type "finread" and hit enter
96. Click on the file folder titled "ASA"
97. Click on the fiscal year desired (from 2006 through 2024)
98. Click on the appropriate fiscal year "SD" file
99. Click on the Woodridge SD 68 ASA excel file for the year selected (the file is named "19-022-0690-02_WoodridgeSD_ASA.xls or xlsx")
100. Once in this excel spreadsheet click on the appropriate "payment tabs" for \$500 to \$999, \$1,000 to \$2,500 and over \$2,500 to access the requested vendor listings.

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Dr. William Schmidt

Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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

DATE: April 7, 2025
TO: David Arvayo
darvayo@pdc30.com
FOIA@pdc30.com
Compliance Department
Painters District Council No. 30

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: April 7, 2025
Date Responded: April 7, 2025

Request:

From: **David Arvayo** <DArvayo@pdc30.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 12:49 PM
Subject: FOIA Request: Paint Projects and Upcoming Construction Projects
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: FOIA <FOIA@pdc30.com>

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Freedom of Information Officer,
This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140.

I request a copy of purchase invoices for any recent **paint purchases made by the school district to maintain or improve school district buildings or facilities** (i.e., painting classrooms, cafeteria, gym, hallways, walls, structural steel, door frames, ceilings, concrete floors, swimming pools, etc.). I do not request information regarding paint purchases made to maintain non-building related property or projects (i.e., painting or maintaining cars, school buses, stripping athletic fields, art class projects, etc.). In addition, I request a **list of painting, drywall finishing (taping drywall), or glazing projects (glass window, glass door, or related hardware installation) scheduled to start within the next twelve months**. This request is specific to facility improvement, maintenance, or construction projects that include painting, drywall finishing, glazing projects or contracts planned as referenced above.

- Submitted invoices for qualifying projects or contracts conforming to the criteria of this FOIA request.
- A list of school district staff, if any, who worked on related projects conforming to the criteria of this FOIA request.
 - Direct employees.
 - Contract employees operating under a custodial agreement.
 - Interns or employees hired through a labor agency.
- Bid tabulation sheets used to compare qualifying bids conforming to this FOIA request.
- Approval meeting minutes for qualifying contracts conforming to the criteria of this request.
- Performance agreement for qualifying contracts conforming to the criteria of this FOIA request.

If you are not the person charged with administering your public bodies FOIA obligations, please forward this request to the person charged with this responsibility. You may email me those records at darvayo@pdc30.com. I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction. This request is not for commercial use; therefore, I am asking that any fees be waived.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act. *5 ILCS 140/3(d)*.

Thank you.

David Arvayo
darvayo@pdc30.com
FOIA@pdc30.com
Compliance Department
Painters District Council No. 30

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Arvayo:

The requested information was provided electronically on April 7, 2025, to darvayo@pdc30.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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Dr. William Schmidt
Woodridge School District No. 68
Freedom of Information Office

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

DATE: April 11, 2025
TO: Rob Propst
Senior Account Executive-Heartland Area
720 E. Butterfield Rd.
Lombard, IL 60148
rpropst@wm.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: 4.8.2025
Date Responded: 4.11.2025

From: "Propst, Robert" <rpropst@wm.com>
Date: April 8, 2025 at 1:52:18 PM CDT
To: Schmidtw@woodridge68.org
Subject: FOIA request - Commercial

Good afternoon,

I'm requesting the following information.

- Copy of the most recent service agreement for waste and recycling service for all locations
- Copy of the last two months of waste and recycling invoices

Thank you,

Rob Propst
Senior Account Executive – Heartland Area
rpropst@wm.com

T: 708.240.2023
C: 224.220.4069
720 E Butterfield Rd
Lombard, IL. 60148

Recycling is a good thing. Please recycle

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Propst:

The requested information was provided electronically on April 11, 2025, to rprost@wm.com

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

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

DATE: April 16, 2025
TO: Sarah James
Data Coordination
Employee Data Analytics
www.employeedataanalytics.org/
sarah@employeedataanalytics.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).

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Date Requested: 4.16.2025

Date Responded: 4.17.2025

From: Sarah J <sarah@employeedataanalytics.org>
Date: Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 2:37 PM
Subject: Public Records Request
To: <superintendent@woodridge68.org>

4.16.2025
Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
Woodridge School District 68

Dear Mr. Broncato,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I am writing to request access to and a copy of a listing of all Woodridge School District 68 employees, including their first and last names, email addresses, titles/positions, and primary campus/department locations. If possible, please provide this information in an electronic format such as Excel or .csv to this email address.

If your agency does not maintain these records, I would appreciate it if you could inform me of the appropriate custodian of these records, including their name, address, and email.

Should there be any fees associated with searching for or copying these records, please notify me before processing my request. However, I would like to request a waiver of all fees in the public interest, as the information I seek is intended for public employee research and awareness.

As stipulated in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I expect your response within five (5) business days.

If you choose to deny this request, please specify each exemption that you believe justifies the refusal to release the information and inform me of the appeal procedures available under the law. Additionally, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Sarah James
Data Coordination Specialist
Employee Data Analytics

icon www.employeedataanalytics.org/
icon sarah@employeedataanalytics.org

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. James

The requested information was provided electronically on April 17, 2025, to sarah@employeedataanalytics.org

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