

# WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

## Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: April 20, 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 or 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 17.2026	March 17.2026	Justin Wenig	StarBridge
March 31,.2026	March 31.2026	Justin Wenig	StarBridge
April 9, 2026	April 9, 2026	Jules Goonewardena	DuPage Policy Journal
April 10, 2026	April 13, 2026	Carla Carlos	Employee Research Data LLC
April 14, 2026	April 16, 2026	Michael F. Henry	Illinois resident

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

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: March 17, 2026**

**Date Responded: March 23, 2026**

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**Request:**

From: **Justin Wenig** <[justin.wenig@starbridgefoiansight.com](mailto:justin.wenig@starbridgefoiansight.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 8:43 AM

Subject: FOIA Request: Professional Learning/Development contracts

To: [schmidtw@woodridge68.org](mailto:schmidtw@woodridge68.org) <[schmidtw@woodridge68.org](mailto:schmidtw@woodridge68.org)>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), I am requesting access to and copies of the following public records possessed by Woodridge School District 68:

All executed contracts, purchase agreements, and purchase orders with **Professional Learning/Development** services including any exhibits, addenda, or amendments that are in effect or have been in effect in the last 3 years.

For purposes of this request, professional learning or professional development services include agreements with providers, publishers, vendors, or government entities that supply:

- Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a curriculum publisher as part of, or in connection with, a curriculum or instructional materials contract.
- Professional development, training, or coaching provided by a third-party vendor or service provider supporting curriculum implementation.
- Professional development, training, or coaching related to teaching content or instructional practice that supports classroom instruction.
- Professional learning, professional development, training, or instructional services provided by state agencies, state-affiliated organizations, regional education service agencies, regional education offices, or similar regional or state entities.

This request includes agreements where professional learning or professional development services are included as part of, bundled with, or incorporated into a broader curriculum, instructional materials, or

instructional services contract, including services described in scopes of work or exhibits even if such services are not the primary purpose of the agreement.

I am requesting existing, already maintained electronic records (without copying, scanning, or printing).

If this request was misrouted, please forward to the correct contact person and reply to this communication with the appropriate contact information.

Should this request be denied wholly or partially, please provide a detailed justification for each decision, citing specific exemptions. Additionally, I request that all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material be provided.

Should you need further information or clarification to expedite this request, do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. I look forward to your prompt response within the statutory period.

Sincerely,

Justin Wenig

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Wenig:

The requested information was provided electronically on March 23, 2026, to [justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com](mailto:justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.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.

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](mailto: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.

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**Date Requested: March 31, 2026**

**Date Responded: March 31, 2026**

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**Request:**

From: **Justin Wenig** <[justin.wenig@starbridgefoiansight.com](mailto:justin.wenig@starbridgefoiansight.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 7:01 AM

Subject: FOIA Request: Purchase data

To: [schmidtw@woodridge68.org](mailto:schmidtw@woodridge68.org) <[schmidtw@woodridge68.org](mailto:schmidtw@woodridge68.org)>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), I am requesting access to and copies of the following public records possessed by Woodridge School District 68:

All purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors from January 1, 2025 to current date. Records should include, at minimum:

- Purchase date
- Vendor name
- Line item description
- Line item quantity
- Line item Amount

If vendor names are coded in the file, please provide a vendor list with corresponding codes.

Examples of relevant reports/records may include: check registers, procurement reports, standard PO detail reports, warrant/claims reports, and purchase order history reports, among others.

This request excludes any purchase orders or payments issued to staff, employees, or individuals for payroll, reimbursements, stipends, or other personnel-related expenses.

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Should you need further information or clarification to expedite this request, do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. I look forward to your prompt response within the statutory period.

Sincerely,

Justin Wenig

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Wenig:

The requested information was provided electronically on March 17, 2026, to [justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com](mailto:justin.wenig@starbridgefoiainsight.com)

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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: April 9, 2026  
TO: Jules Goonewardena  
DuPage Policy Journal  
[foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com](mailto: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: April 9, 2026**  
**Date Responded: April 9, 2026**

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**Request:**

From: <[foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com](mailto:foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com)>  
Date: Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 12:07 PM  
Subject: FOIA Request – Emails Referencing Steve Lefko  
To: <[broncatop@woodridge68.org](mailto:broncatop@woodridge68.org)>

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from DuPage Policy Journal, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

Specifically, I request all emails and email attachments sent or received by any district employee, official, or board member that reference or mention “Steve Lefko” within the following date range:

1/1/2023 - the date that this request is processed.

This request includes, but is not limited to:

- Internal (intra-district) emails
- Emails between district personnel and third parties
- Attachments to any responsive emails

For clarity, please search email accounts of district administrators, board members, communications staff, and any other employees reasonably likely to have responsive records.

This is **not** a commercial request.

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please Note: The requestor 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/>

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Jules Goonewardena,

DuPage Policy Journal

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**The District responds to your request as follows:**

After a thorough search of the District's email archive, the search returned zero (0) responsive records — with the sole exception of your FOIA request email itself, received on Thursday, April 9th 2026 at 12:07 PM.

The District has fulfilled its obligations under FOIA with respect to this request.

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**Date Requested: April 10, 2026**

**Date Responded: April 13, 2026**

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**Request:**

**From:** C Carlos <c.carlos@employeeersearchdata.org>

**Date:** April 11, 2026 at 1:41:07 AM CDT

**To:** superintendent@woodridge68.org

**Subject:** PIA Request

April 10, 2026

Patrick Broncato, Superintendent

Woodridge School District 68

Dear Mr. Broncato,

I am writing to request access to certain public records pursuant to the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.)**.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information for district employees:

- First and last names
- Job titles/positions
- Work email addresses
- Primary campus or department

If available, I would appreciate receiving this information in an electronic format (Excel or .csv) via email.

If this request is better directed to another contact, I would be grateful if you could kindly point me in the appropriate direction. Please let me know in advance if there are any fees associated with fulfilling this request. I would appreciate consideration of a fee waiver, as the information is being requested for general research and informational purposes.

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I understand that the agency is required to respond within:

- 5 business days

indicating whether the requested records will be provided. If access is granted, records should be produced within a reasonable time thereafter as permitted by law.

If any portion of this request cannot be fulfilled, please provide the applicable statutory basis for the denial and any available options for appeal or clarification.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

*Carla Carlos*

c.carlos@employeeresearchdata.org

Employee Research Data LLC

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Carla Carlo:

The requested information was provided electronically on April 13, 2026, to c.carlos@employeeresearchdata.org

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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**Date Requested: April 13, 2026**

**Date Responded: April 16, 2026**

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**Request:**

**From:** Michael Henry <[michaelfhenry@live.com](mailto:michaelfhenry@live.com)>

**Date:** April 13, 2026 at 7:36:22 PM CDT

**To:** Michael Henry <[michaelfhenry@live.com](mailto:michaelfhenry@live.com)>

**Subject: Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I request the following records:**

To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I request the following records:

1. The name of all law firm(s) currently providing legal services to the district, and the name of any law firm(s) that have provided legal services to the district at any time within the past eight (8) years.
2. Any current engagement agreement(s), contract(s), retention agreement(s), or fee schedule(s) with legal counsel in effect at any time during the past three (3) fiscal years.
3. The total amount paid to each law firm for legal services for each of the past three (3) fiscal years. This may be satisfied by invoices, payment registers, accounts payable records, or other existing financial records reflecting such payments.

This request is limited to existing records and does not require the creation of new records.

If any portion of this request is denied, please:

- Identify each specific statutory exemption under 5 ILCS 140 relied upon
- Provide the factual basis for the exemption
- Produce all non-exempt portions of responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1) and 5 ILCS 140/7(1.5)

If records are withheld in part, please redact only exempt material and provide the remainder.  
If this request is considered unduly burdensome under 5 ILCS 140/3(g), please provide written notice and an opportunity to narrow the request as required by statute.

If this request is classified as a voluminous request under 5 ILCS 140/2(h), please provide written notice and comply with all procedural requirements under the Act.

Please provide responsive records in electronic format.

If this request has been sent to the incorrect individual, please forward it to the appropriate FOIA officer.

Thank you,

Michael F. Henry

Illinois resident - 708 446-4416

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Henry:

The requested information was provided electronically on April 16, 2026, to [michaelfhenry@live.com](mailto:michaelfhenry@live.com)

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