

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: February 23, 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 Responded	Requester	Company
February 5, 2026	February 10, 2026	Michael F. Henry	
February 10, 2026	February 10, 2026	Oshea Smith	Sunlight Access
February 10, 2026	February 17, 2026	Michael F. Henry	
February 15, 2026	February 17, 2026	Karyn Bossenga	

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

DATE: February 10, 2026
TO: Michael F. Henry
michaelfhenry@live.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: February 5, 2026

Date Responded: February 10, 2026

Request:

Dear District FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.
I request copies of the following public records:

From 2019 Please give the firm and name of the Districts Primary Attorney. if no primary Attorney Please list all Firms and Attorneys employed by your School District from Jan 1, 2019 Forward

From 2019 thru the present please provide Documentation the District Complied with Illinois law and Performed the Background checks the District Superintendent is supposed to perform of who ever is designated to perform

The Background Checks for Board members Prior to them being Goven the Oath Of Office.

Please Provide the background reports as Required under Illinois Law for each School Board elected in the State Of Illinois from 2010 Present, Performed by Each of the Government Entities in this Email.

Under Illinois Law (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9), the legal responsibility to initiate and ensure that criminal background checks are conducted on school board members—prior to being sworn into office—lies with the School District, typically managed by the Superintendent or the Board’s designated Human Resources Department/officer.

Key Details on Responsibility and Process:

- Legal Mandate: Illinois law requires that school board members, who are essentially considered "applicants" for the position of managing the school district, must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check.
- Responsible Party: The School District must initiate these checks, which include fingerprint-based checks through the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Databases Searched: The required background check includes:
 - Illinois State Police (ISP) Criminal History Records Information.
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national crime information databases.
 - Statewide Sex Offender Registry.
 - Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Reg

I am requesting these records for a non-commercial purpose
If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50.00

However, I request a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of this information is in the public interest.

As provided by law, I expect a response within five working days.
Sincerely,

Michael F. Henry

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Henry,

Section 10-21.9 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) requires school employees to undergo background checks, but this section does not apply to school board members. We do not have any records that are responsive to this FOIA request.

District's Primary Attorney
Attorneys Franczek P.C. | 300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3400 | Chicago, IL 60606

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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.

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DATE: February 10, 2026
TO: Oshea Smith
Sunlight Access
215 N Payne St. STE 33025
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Date Requested: February 10, 2026

Date Responded: February 10, 2026

Request:

Oshea Smith
records@sunlightaccess.com

Contact a district department
Administration/Superintendent

Dear Records Officer, I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your time and for the work you do. Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I respectfully request copies of the most recent contracts, agreements, amendments, and renewals by Woodridge School District 68 from January 1, 2020 through January 29, 2026 in connection with the following vendors: -Mastery Prep -Albert.io -IXL -Edgenuity -Khan Academy -Jumpstart -Texas College Bridge -Kaplan -Princeton Review -Uworld -Cambridge Educational Services -Schmoop -Texas College Bridge -Progress Learning -HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) If any part of this request is withheld, please provide the specific statutory exemption and release all non-exempt portions. Thank you again for your time and assistance, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Reference #: FR:5461 Oshea Smith 215 N Payne St STE 33025 Alexandria, VA 22314 records@sunlightaccess.com www.sunlightaccess.com

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Smith:

After searching the files and system, I located the 2020 Technology Renewal for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, which I have attached for your review. As for the other companies you are looking for, Kaplan was paid in 2018 and has not been paid since. I attached IXL quotes, and I don't have any contracts or agreements with the other vendors.

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DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: Michael F. Henry
michaelfhenry@live.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: February 10, 2026

Date Responded: February 17, 2026

Request:

See attached court filing Cook County Court Hearing Friday Feb 13, 2026 10 AM we are seeking to Void the Levy as being Illegal for failure to vet the Board , and If you claim it is not your duty to do background checks please provide the specific information the District used to verify and determine its school Board Members are not sex offenders, reside in the District, registered to vote they are a US Citizen and over the age of 18.

Background Checks (Employees/Staff/School Board Members): Illinois law requires school districts, not county clerks, to conduct all checks on potential employees and student teachers, and Board Members, for Employees/Staff of schools this includes fingerprint-based checks through the Illinois State Police and FBI, as well as sex offender registry checks.

Qualifications: Eligibility to serve on a school board is generally determined by residency, age, and voter registration, rather than a pre-candidacy criminal background investigation.
School Districts must verify and keep Documentation on each School Board Member

Please provide documents and procedures how the District verifies and determines its school Board Members are not sex offenders, reside in the District, registered to vote they are a US Citizen and over the age of 18.

I specifically want the Documents that the District used to establish that the person who was elected to be a school Board Member Meets the Legal Requirements and what the District used to establish the person who was sworn into Office as a School Board member net the following Legal Requirements.

Please Provide Documentation on each of the Following for each School Board Member From January 1, 2010 Thru Present.

Background: Must not be a prohibited child sex offender. [1, 2]

Residency: Must reside in the district for at least one year.

Age and Citizenship: Must be 18+ and a US citizen.

Registration: Must be a registered voter.

Ineligibility: Convicted felons, child sex offenders, and those holding incompatible offices (such as school trustees or certain state/federal employment) are ineligible

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DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: Ms. Bossenga

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Date Requested: February 15, 2026

Date Responded: February 17, 2026

Request:

Sun, Feb 15, 2026 at 9:45 AM Karyn Bossenga <kbossenga@gmail.com> wrote:

I would like to request the following records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Any and all written or electronic communications regarding the upcoming election dates 3/17/26. I am requesting communications including but not limited to polling site selection, safety concerns, requests or notification of increased security in or around district schools, discussions of e-learning or cancellation of school, adjustment of the school calendar or creation of the school calendar with Election Day considerations.

These requests are to include but not limited to those among any district employees or its representatives, Teacher Union, D68 School Board Members, Woodridge Police Department employees or its representatives, DuPage County Board of Elections employees or its representatives or community members.

These records can be sent electronically and are not for commercial use.

Thank you,
Karyn Bossenga

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Bossenga:

Please see the FOIA request response, including the requested documents attached.

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