

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: February 24, 2025

SUBJECT: **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BOARD REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

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

Date(s) Submitted	Date Responded	Requester	Company	Status
January 14, 2025	January 15, 2025	Bo Kim	UnoinBids.com	Emailed
January 15, 2025	January 16, 2025	Ms. Norman	Il Retired Teacher Assoc.	Emailed
February 5, 2025	February 6, 2025	Eden Ding	The databranch Research Team	Emailed

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

DATE: January 15, 2025  
TO: Bo Kim  
UnionBids.com  
P.O. Box 3533  
Peoria, IL 61612  
Bkim95437@gmail.com

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

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.

**Request:**

**Date Requested: January 14, 2025**

**Date Responded: January 15, 2025**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for records showing the following information:

Good Afternoon,

My name is Bo Kim and I work for UnionBids.com

I am looking for Bid Results/Tabulations or Award for:

11/08/2024 Woodridge School District No. 68 – 2025 Capital Improvements Projects (DuPage County)

This information is being requested for Commercial purposes.

If you would please have these results emailed to me I would appreciate it very much.

Email: [bkim95437@gmail.com](mailto:bkim95437@gmail.com)

Thank you for your time.

Bo Kim

UnionBids.com

P.O. Box 3533

Peoria, IL 61612

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Bo Kim at [bkim95437@gmail.com](mailto:bkim95437@gmail.com)

January 15, 2025

The requested information can be viewed on the district website under the Board of Education page. You will be able to locate the Bid Results/Tabulations or Award under the Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes Tab. This could be found on the November 18, 2024, meeting. This notice that the information requested is on the website was provided electronically on January 15, 2025, to [bkim95437@gmail.com](mailto:bkim95437@gmail.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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Woodridge School District No. 68  
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WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68  
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**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT**

DATE: January 16, 2025  
TO: Sheila Norman  
Director of Marketing and Membership Communications  
Illinois Retired Teachers Association  
800.728.4782 | snorman@irtaonline.org | www.irtaonline.org  
828 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62704

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**Request:**

**Date Requested: January 15, 2025**

**Date Responded: January 16, 2025**

From: Illinois Retired Teachers Association <freedom@irtaonline.org>  
Date: January 15, 2025 at 11:03:50 AM CST  
To: broncatop@woodridge68.org  
Subject: FOIA Records Request - January 15, 2025  
Reply-To: freedom@irtaonline.org

Your Voice, Your Resource, Your Retirement

**FOIA REQUEST**

For 70 years, the IRTA has worked to enhance the lives of retired teachers and promote the importance of public education throughout our state.

With the upcoming retirements in 2025, we are reaching out to school districts to request the contact information of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2025. By gathering this information, we hope to extend an invitation for retiring educators to join our association, providing them with valuable benefits such as legislative advocacy, social events, educational resources, and more.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please fill out the form provided:

Fillable Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/xJmEgWXEFR>

Or if you prefer, please send the information to freedom@irtaonline.org. Your support is vital to the continued success of our mission to serve Illinois educators, both current and retired.

If your district has NO RETIREES this year, simply reply to this email with the word NONE and please include your name, district name and number of your district and I will consider the request fulfilled.

This is a request by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a 501c4 not-for-profit Illinois organization under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

Sheila Norman

Director of Marketing and Membership Communications  
Illinois Retired Teachers Association

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The District responds to your request as follows:

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Gail Hartig - [hartigg@woodridge68.org](mailto:hartigg@woodridge68.org)  
Maureen Pacana - [pacanam@woodridge68.org](mailto:pacanam@woodridge68.org)  
Troy Johnson - [johnsont@woodridge68.org](mailto:johnsont@woodridge68.org)  
Tracey Beidelman - [beidelmant@woodridge68.org](mailto:beidelmant@woodridge68.org)  
Kevin Toner - [tonerk@woodridge68.org](mailto:tonerk@woodridge68.org)  
Cindy Dore - [dorec@woodridge68.org](mailto:dorec@woodridge68.org)

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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: February 6, 2025  
TO: Eden Ding  
Theatabranch Research Team  
1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033,  
Dover, DE 19904  
(321) 338-5399  
[edending@thetatabranch.com](mailto:edending@thetatabranch.com)

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**Request:**

**Date Requested: February 5, 2025**

**Date Responded: February 6, 2025**

From: <[edending@thetatabranch.com](mailto:edending@thetatabranch.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 10:58 AM  
Subject: [Records Request] Purchase Order Data - Woodridge SD 68  
To: <[schmidtw@woodridge68.org](mailto:schmidtw@woodridge68.org)>

Dear Public Records Officer,  
Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)  
We are hereby submitting a commercial records request seeking a spreadsheet containing all purchase orders from January 1, 2020, to present day.

**Requested Information:**

Spreadsheet containing all purchase orders from January 1, 2020, to the present day.

If easily accessible, please provide this info for each purchase order:

- Purchase order number or equivalent
- Purchase date
- Vendor ID or equivalent
- Vendor name
- Line item details
- Line item quantity
- Line item unit price
- Line item total price

**Format & Delivery:**

These records generally live in your ERP, and a spreadsheet export of that is easiest for us. However, if this is not possible please send in the format you prefer. Please ensure that the requested data is sent as a reply in this email thread if possible.

**Contact Information:**

My name is Eden Ding

Email: [edending@thedatabranch.com](mailto:edending@thedatabranch.com)

Phone: (321) 338-5399

Address: 1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response. Please confirm receipt of this request and provide an estimated date for the delivery of the requested records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Thedatabranch Research Team

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The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Mr. Ding:

I've attached a document that fulfill purchase orders from January 1, 2020 to present FOIA request.

The requested purchase orders was provided electronically February 6, 2025, to [edending@thedatabranch.com](mailto:edending@thedatabranch.com)

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