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April 16, 2026

Jules Goonewardena

Communicated via email to: foia@westcooknews.com

Dear Jules Goonewardena:

The District received your FOIA request on April 9, 2026. The District is extending the time for response by an additional five (5) business days pursuant to FOIA Section 3(e)(v). 5 ILCS 140/3(e)(v). A further response will be provided on or before April 23, 2026.

Request: *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*

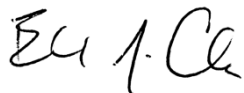
For clarity, please search email accounts of district administrators, board members, communications staff, and any other employees reasonably likely to have responsive records.

Please be advised that the District anticipates your request is overbroad and would be unduly burdensome to comply with, as it would require the review of more than 600 potentially responsive records. Notably, your request is categorical and appears to seek all emails and their attachments that mention a private citizen over more than three years. Please also be advised the District is currently processing a similar request for emails mentioning Mr. Lefko from April 1, 2025 to April 2, 2026, and we plan to provide you a copy of any records produced in response to that request. As a result, the District is extending you an opportunity to narrow your request to a manageable proportion or to confer about the same. If you do not narrow your categorical request to a manageable scale, as determined by the District, the District may exercise its right under Section 3(g) of FOIA to deny your records request.

As Superintendent of the District, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Condon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a distinct "C".

Edward J. Condon, Ph.D.
Superintendent

From: foia@westcooknews.com
Subject: FOIA Request – Emails Referencing Steve Lefko
Date: April 9, 2026 at 12:14 PM
To: CondonE@district90.org



To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from West Cook News, 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:

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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,

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