

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
Administration Office

TO: Board of Education

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

DATE: July 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 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
June 15, 2026	June 15, 2026	Ross Hartley	The Data Branch
June 18, 2026	June 23, 2026	Harry Fisk	The Data Branch
June 17, 2026	June 24, 2026	Catarina Mascarenhas	Judiciocracy.com
June 25, 2026	June 30, 2026	Cathy Chichester	The Data Branch
June 29, 2026	June 30, 2026	Watson Hampton	The Data Branch
June 26, 2026	July 1, 2026	Burcu Yilmaz	The Sentinel Scholars Foundation
July 2, 2026	July 7, 2026	Anne Donnelly	The Data Branch
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July 8, 2026	July 9, 2026	Lionel Metcalf	The Data Branch
July 8, 2026	July 9, 2026	Evan Biddle	The Data Branch
July 13, 2026	July 14, 2026	Keaton Walsh	The Data Branch

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

DATE: June 15, 2026
TO: Ross Hartley
The Data Branch Research Team
ross.hartley@thedatabranch.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: June 15, 2026

Date Responded: June 15, 2026

Request:

From: **Presley Vaughn** <presley@databranchus.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 9:53 AM

Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Ross Hartley]

To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>

Cc: ross.hartley@thedatabranch.com <ross.hartley@thedatabranch.com>

Hello,

The Data Branch is writing to submit a public records request regarding vendor procurement records.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: CDW Government, Xerox, and MGT Impact Solutions (MGT Consulting), as well as College and Career Readiness from Lead Public Schools

We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees.

Relevant records may include:

- Contracts, service agreements, and order forms
- Purchase orders involving the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued under cooperative purchasing agreements

To keep this easy on your office, we are happy to receive records in whichever of the following formats works best:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)

- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

If portions of the responsive records fall under an exemption, please withhold only those portions and produce the rest.

Please note that this request *is* for commercial purposes. We are glad to follow any applicable policies or procedures Woodridge SD 68 has in place for handling public records requests, and we are open to narrowing, clarifying, or otherwise adjusting the request to ease the burden on your office.

Please send all records to The Data Branch's record intake handler, Ross Hartley, at the following:

Email: ross.hartley@thedatabranch.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response. If this request has been directed to the wrong agency or department, kindly advise or forward it to the appropriate custodian. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Presley Vaughn

The Data Branch

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Ross Hartley

The requested information was provided electronically on June 15, 2026, to ross.hartley@thedatabranch.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 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.

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

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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DATE: June 23, 2026
TO: Harry Frisk
The Data Branch Research Team
ross.hartley@thedatabranch.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: June 18, 2026
Date Responded: June 23, 2026

Request:

From: Caleb Harding <calebharding@databranchus.com>
Date: June 18, 2026 at 7:57:55 PM CDT
To: Schmidtw@woodridge68.org
Cc: harry.fisk@thedatabranch.com
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Harry Fisk]
Reply-To: calebharding@databranchus.com

Dear Records Custodian,
The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records pertaining to vendor procurement and purchasing activity.
Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: ESS/ESI, Kokua Education, Scoot Education, Zed Educate, and BuildEd

We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees.

Records we are looking for include:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

To keep this easy on your office, we are happy to receive records in whichever of the following formats works best:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports

- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

If any part of the requested records is exempt, kindly redact only the exempt material and provide the remaining segregable portions.

For full transparency, this request *is* for commercial purposes. We will gladly adhere to any policies or procedures Woodridge SD 68 has in place for public records requests, and are open to narrowing, clarifying, or modifying the request to make fulfillment easier on your end.

Please send records to my colleague Harry Fisk (who handles record intake) at the following:

Email: harry.fisk@thedatabranch.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

We appreciate your help and look forward to a prompt response. If this request belongs with another agency or department, please forward it to the appropriate custodian or let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Caleb Harding

The Data Branch

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Harry Fisk

The response was provided electronically on June 23, 2026, to harry.fisk@thedatabranch.com informing that the companies referenced in this FOIA have never been vendors or done business with Woodridge SD 68.

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Dr. William Schmidt

Woodridge School District No. 68

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WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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DATE: June 24, 2026
TO: Catarina Mascarenhas
o/b/o Edward "Coach" Weinhaus, Esq. as Attorney
Licensure info verifiable:
California License # 330344
Illinois License # 6333901
Missouri License # 72-255 (72255)
(314) 580-9580
LegalSolved LLC, FOIASolved.com division
caweinhaus@gmail.com
Attorney for Judiciocracy LLC
Judiciocracy.com

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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: June 17, 2026

Date Responded: June 24, 2026

Request:

From: foia@judiciocracy.com
Date: June 17, 2026 at 1:56:26 PM CDT
To: warnkej@woodridge68.org
Subject: FOIA request Judiciocracy Series 2 - FOIA Compliance

To Thomas Jefferson Junior High School,

I am a news reporter from Judiciocracy, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. As part of a multi-year, multi-state investigation, we are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

We are not only writing on behalf of Judiciocracy LLC but also our affiliate organizations the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, the Association of Principled Press, and ClearFront Alliance. We are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- 1) Please share the documents posted physically to comply with 5 ILCS 140/4(b).
- 2) Please share the documents posted digitally to comply with 5 ILCS 140/4(b).
- 3) Documents showing the public entity's e-mail service provider or internal email servers and services.
- 4) Documentation showing the public entity's Junk Mail, E-Mail Spam, and/or filters related to handling unsolicited emails and/or messages from unknown senders, including but not limited to documentation showing retention periods, filtering, safe senders, junk/spam senders, blocked senders, and any reporting mechanism for the same.
- 5) Documents showing at least one official email address of the public entity.

6) Documents showing any email address used for official business if there is no official email address in response to number 5.

Please let us know if you have any questions not answered on COGS' website, or by contacting COGS' attorneys whose contact information can be found at FOIASolved.com (a division of LegalSolved LLC).

The requestor(s) are members of the media involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for them to fulfill their professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given their role in disseminating information, the requestor(s) are eligible for a fee waiver as media professionals. The request is for a non-commercial purpose.

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,

Catarina Mascarenhas
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LegalSolved LLC, FOIASolved.com division
eaweinhaus@gmail.com
Attorney for Judiciocracy LLC
Judiciocracy.com

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Catarina Mascarenhas

The response was provided electronically on June 24, 2026, to foia@judiciocracy.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
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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: June 30, 2026
TO: Cathy Chichester
The Data Branch
abigail@databranchusa.com
cathy.chichester@thedatabranch.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: June 25, 2026

Date Responded: June 30, 2026

Request:

From: **Abigail Allen** <abigail@databranchusa.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 25, 2026 at 10:27 AM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Cathy Chichester]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: cathy.chichester@thedatabranch.com <cathy.chichester@thedatabranch.com>
Hello,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records relating to vendor purchases.
Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All purchasing records from vendors (if existing): Verkada, Triton Sensors, Soter Tech, Motorola, IPVideo Corporation, Vocabulary.com.

We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees.

We are looking for the following types of records:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

To make fulfillment as easy as possible, we are willing to receive records in whatever format is most convenient, including:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already keeps on hand

To the extent any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, we ask that the remaining non-exempt segregable portions be released.

For full transparency, this request *is* for commercial purposes. We will gladly adhere to any policies or procedures Woodridge SD 68 has in place for public records requests, and are open to narrowing, clarifying, or modifying the request to make fulfillment easier on your end.

Records can be sent to my colleague Cathy Chichester, who manages record intake for The Data Branch, at the following:

Email: cathy.chichester@thedatabranch.com
Phone: (302) 585-3132
Address: 1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904

Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to a prompt reply. If this office is not the correct custodian, please forward the request to the right agency or department, or advise us where to direct it. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,
Abigail Allen
The Data Branch

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Allen:

The response was provided electronically on June 30, 2026 to cathy.chichester@thedatabranch.com informing that the companies referenced in this FOIA have never been vendors or done business with Woodridge SD 68. 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
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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: June 30, 2026
TO: Vanessa Grady
The Data Branch
vanessa@databranchusa.com
watson.hampton@thedatabranch.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: June 29, 2026
Date Responded: June 30, 2026

Request:

From: **Vanessa Grady** <vanessa@databranchusa.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 3:43 PM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Watson Hampton]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: watson.hampton@thedatabranch.com <watson.hampton@thedatabranch.com>

Hello,
The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records relating to vendor purchases.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from MajorClarity, Naviance, Schoollinks, Xello, Youscience, Sanitaire, Nascare, Karcher, Hoover.

We hope to obtain records from 2022 to now reflecting how these engagements are priced — for example, licensing or subscription structures, per-unit rates, and any associated implementation or setup fees.

Specifically, we are seeking:

- Contracts, service agreements, or order forms
- Purchase orders tied to the listed vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

We are flexible on format and can accept records in whichever way your office already keeps them, such as:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any existing summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

If portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, please provide all segregable non-exempt portions.

For full transparency, this request *is* for commercial purposes. We will gladly adhere to any policies or procedures Woodridge SD 68 has in place for public records requests, and are open to narrowing, clarifying, or modifying the request to make fulfillment easier on your end.

Please direct all records to my colleague Watson Hampton at:

Email: watson.hampton@thedatabranch.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

Thank you for your time and assistance with this request. If it has been misdirected, kindly forward it to the appropriate records custodian or let us know where it should be sent. We appreciate your cooperation.

With thanks,

Vanessa Grady
The Data Branch Research Team

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Ms. Grady:

The response was provided electronically on June 30, 2026 to watson.hampton@thedatabranch.com informing that the companies referenced in this FOIA have never been vendors or done business with Woodridge SD 68.

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

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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DATE: July 1, 2026
TO: Burcu Yilmaz
The Sentinel Scholar's Foundation
13646 Aventide Lane
Alpharetta, GA 30004

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: June 26, 2026

Date Responded: July 1, 2026

Request:

From: **Burcu Yilmaz** <burcu@sentinelscholars.org>
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 1:12 PM
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Student Directory Information
To: <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: Burcu Yilmaz <burcu@sentinelscholars.org>
Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), The Sentinel Scholars Foundation respectfully requests access to existing public records maintained by Woodridge School District 68.

Specifically, we request any existing student directory information designated by the District as releasable directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and District policy for currently enrolled high school students.

To the extent such information has been designated as directory information and is maintained by the District, we respectfully request existing records containing the following fields:

- Student First Name
- Student Last Name
- Student High School
- Student Graduation Year (or Grade Level, if Graduation Year is maintained instead)
- Parent/Guardian Email Address(es)

If any portion of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, we respectfully request that any reasonably segregable non-exempt records be provided.

If the requested records exist in an electronic format, we respectfully request that they be provided electronically in Microsoft Excel (.xlsx) or CSV format, if available.

If there are any fees associated with fulfilling this request, please provide a written estimate prior to processing.

The Sentinel Scholars Foundation is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to increasing awareness of educational opportunities available to students and families. The requested information will be used solely to provide information regarding educational resources and programs, including:

- PSAT/SAT Preparation Seminars
- ACT Preparation Seminars
- Study Skills Programs
- GED Preparation Programs
- ASVAB Preparation Programs
- Artificial Intelligence Education Programs
- College Readiness Programs
- Scholarship Opportunities

Requester Information

Organization: The Sentinel Scholars Foundation

Contact Person: Burcu Yilmaz

Freedom of Information Request Coordinator

Mailing Address:

13646 Aventide Lane

Alpharetta, GA 30004

Telephone: (678) 777-6031

Email: burcu@sentinelscholars.org

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. If additional clarification is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response within the timeframe prescribed by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully,

Burcu Yilmaz

Freedom of Information Request Coordinator

The Sentinel Scholars Foundation

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Burcu Yilmaz:

Please be advised that Woodridge School District is a Kindergarten through Eighth (8th) grade school district. The District does not operate, enroll students in, or maintain any high school grade levels (9th through 12th grade). Accordingly, the District has no responsive records, as no currently enrolled high school students exist within the District.

The response was sent electronically on July 1, 2026, to burcu@sentinelscholars.org.

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WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
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DATE: July 7, 2026
TO: Reid Lancaster
The Data Branch
reid@databranchusa.com
anne.donnely@thedatabranch.com

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Date Requested: July 2, 2026
Date Responded: July 7, 2026

Request:

From: **Reid Lancaster** <reid@databranchus.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 6:15 PM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Anne Donnelly]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: anne.donnely@thedatabranch.com <anne.donnely@thedatabranch.com>

Hello,
The Data Branch is writing to submit a public records request regarding vendor procurement records.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: Helios Ed/Core, Droplet, Docusign.

We are interested in records from 2022 to now that document the financial terms of any engagement with the vendors listed above. Where available, this may include per-unit pricing, subscription or licensing fees, and any implementation or onboarding costs.

Records we are looking for include:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

To the extent any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, we ask that the remaining non-exempt segregable portions be released.

This request *is* being submitted for commercial purposes. We are willing to work within whatever procedures Woodridge SD 68 uses for handling such requests, and are happy to clarify, narrow, or adjust the scope to reduce the burden on your office.

Please send all records to my colleague Anne Donnelly at the following:

Email: anne.donnelly@thedatabranch.com
Phone: (302) 585-3132
Address: 1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response. If this request has been directed to the wrong agency or department, kindly advise or forward it to the appropriate custodian. Thank you for your cooperation.

With thanks,
Reid Lancaster
The Data Branch Research Team

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear Reid Lancaster

The response was provided electronically on July 7, 2026 to both reid@databranchus.com and anne.donnelly@thedatabranch.com informing that the companies referenced in this FOIA have never been vendors or done business with Woodridge SD 68.

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 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.

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: July 7, 2026
TO: April Conway
The Data Branch Research Team
april@databranchusa.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: July 5, 2026

Date Responded: July 7, 2026

From: **April Conway** <april@databranchusa.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 5, 2026 at 6:17 PM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge SD 68 [Ref: Keegan Daggett]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: keegan.daggett@thedatabranch.com <keegan.daggett@thedatabranch.com>

Dear Records Custodian,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for purchase order records issued between January 1, 2023, and the present.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

We are requesting all purchase orders issued between the above date, and the present, reflecting purchasing or procurement activity across all departments, divisions, and offices.

We understand a single, centralized report may not exist. In that case, we are happy to receive:

- Department-level or segmented purchasing data
- Any readily available reports
- Records grouped by department, if that is the structure used by your office

Fields of interest (where readily available):

- Purchase order number (or equivalent)
- Purchase date
- Vendor ID or name

- Department or issuing entity (if available)
- Line item description
- Quantity
- Unit price
- Total price

Where purchase orders are not used or retained, we are happy to scope this request down to the minimum set of records that captures spending and contract awards for the most recent 12–24 months, such as:

- PO register (PO #, date, vendor, description, fund/GL, amount)
- AP check register / payment ledger (vendor, invoice #, amount, date)
- P-Card transaction logs (cardholder, MCC/merchant, date, amount)
- Any other documents containing vendor names and prices

To keep this easy on your office, we are happy to receive records in whichever of the following formats works best:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

If portions of the responsive records fall under an exemption, please withhold only those portions and produce the rest.

This request *is* for commercial purposes. We are happy to comply with all applicable policies and procedures Woodridge SD 68 has in place to handle FOIA requests, and are willing to narrow down, clarify, or adjust the request to make fulfillment easier for your office.

Please direct all records to my colleague Keegan Daggett at:

Email: keegan.daggett@thedatabranch.com
 Phone: (302) 585-3132
 Address: 1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904

We look forward to your timely response and appreciate your attention to this request. Should it have been directed to the wrong agency or department, please advise or pass it along to the appropriate custodian. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
 April Conway
 The Data Branch Research Team

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: April Conway

The requested information was provided electronically on July 7, 2026, to april@databranchusa.com and keegan.daggett@thedatabranch.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: July 9, 2026
TO: Cassidy Nolan
The Data Branch Research Team
cassidy@databranchusa.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: July 8, 2026

Date Responded: July 9, 2026

From: **Cassidy Nolan** <cassidy@databranchusa.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2026 at 8:46 PM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge School District 68 [Ref: Lionel Metcalf]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: lionel.metcalf@thedatabranch.com <lionel.metcalf@thedatabranch.com>

Hello,
The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for vendor procurement records.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: Rapid Identity, Tools4Ever, Classlink, Clever, Learn21, ManageAD, Tenfold Security, CPSI Publishing.

We are looking for records from 2022 to now that capture the pricing details of any engagement, which may include (where applicable) subscription terms, licensing fees, per-unit costs, and implementation charges.

Specifically, we are seeking:

- Contracts, service agreements, or order forms
- Purchase orders tied to the listed vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

Where portions of the requested records may be withheld under an applicable exemption, we ask that all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions still be produced.

Please note that this request *is* for commercial purposes. We are glad to follow any applicable policies or procedures Woodridge School District 68 has in place for handling public records requests, and we are open to narrowing, clarifying, or otherwise adjusting the request to ease the burden on your office.

All responsive records may be directed to Lionel Metcalf, our record intake contact, at the following:

Email: lionel.metcalf@thedatabranch.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to a prompt reply. If this office is not the correct custodian, please forward the request to the right agency or department, or advise us where to direct it. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Nolan

The Data Branch Research Team

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Cassidy Nolan

The requested information was provided electronically on July 9, 2026, to cassidy@databranchusa.com and lionel.metcalf@thedatabranch.com.

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Dr. William Schmidt
Woodridge School District No. 68
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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: July 9, 2026
TO: Trevor Rhodes
The Data Branch Research Team
trevor_rhodes@databranchus.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: July 8, 2026

Date Responded: July 9, 2026

From: **Trevor Rhodes** <trevor_rhodes@databranchus.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2026 at 7:35 PM
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge School District 68 [Ref: Evan Biddle]
To: schmidtw@woodridge68.org <schmidtw@woodridge68.org>
Cc: evan.biddle@thedatabranch.com <evan.biddle@thedatabranch.com>

Hello,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records relating to vendor purchases.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: Centegix, Raptor Technologies, Singlewire, Boxlight, Quicklert, Vivi, Audio Enhancement, CareHawk, Valcom.

We hope to obtain records from 2022 to now reflecting how these engagements are priced — for example, licensing or subscription structures, per-unit rates, and any associated implementation or setup fees.

We are looking for the following types of records:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

To make fulfillment as easy as possible, we are willing to receive records in whatever format is most convenient, including:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already keeps on hand

If portions of the responsive records fall under an exemption, please withhold only those portions and produce the rest.

This request *is* for commercial purposes. We are happy to comply with all applicable policies and procedures Woodridge School District 68 has in place to handle FOIA requests, and are willing to narrow down, clarify, or adjust the request to make fulfillment easier for your office.

Please send all records to The Data Branch's record intake handler, Evan Biddle, at the following:

Email: evan.biddle@thedatabranch.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

Thank you for your time and assistance with this request. If it has been misdirected, kindly forward it to the appropriate records custodian or let us know where it should be sent. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,

Trevor Rhodes

The Data Branch

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Trevor Rhodes

The requested information was provided electronically on July 9, 2026, to trevor_rhodes@databranchus.com and evan.biddle@thedatabranch.com.

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Dr. William Schmidt
Woodridge School District No. 68
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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: July 13, 2026
TO: Keaton Walsh
The Data Branch Research Team
keaton@databranchus.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: July 13, 2026

Date Responded: July 14, 2026

From: Keaton Walsh <keaton@databranchus.com>
Date: July 13, 2026 at 6:48:20 PM CDT
To: SchmidtW@woodridge68.org
Subject: FOIA Request - Woodridge School District 68
Reply-To: keaton@databranchus.com

Hello,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records relating to vendor purchases.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: 95 Percent Group, Core Learning Edmentum, , iStation, IXL Learning, Amplify, Curriculum Associates (i-Ready Learning), Imagine Learning.

We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees.

This request covers records such as:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the listed vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

To make fulfillment as easy as possible, we are willing to receive records in whatever format is most convenient, including:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already keeps on hand

If any part of the requested records is exempt, kindly redact only the exempt material and provide the remaining segregable portions.

This request *is* for commercial purposes. We are happy to comply with all applicable policies and procedures Woodridge School District 68 has in place to handle FOIA requests, and are willing to narrow down, clarify, or adjust the request to make fulfillment easier for your office.

Responsive records can be sent to Keaton Walsh at the following:

Email: keaton@datatbranchus.com

Phone: (302) 585-3132

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

Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to a prompt reply. If this office is not the correct custodian, please forward the request to the right agency or department, or advise us where to direct it. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Keaton Walsh

The Data Branch

The District responds to your request as follows:

Dear: Keaton Walsh

The requested information was provided electronically on July 14, 2026, to keaton@datatbranchus.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

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