

FOR DISCUSSION

**Lisle Community Unit School District 202
Board of Education Meeting
April 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request

BACKGROUND DATA: The District received Freedom of Information Act request(s) from the following individual(s):

1. Carla Carlos, Employee Research Data LLC
2. Oshea Smith, Sunlight Access
3. Jules Goonewardena, DuPage Policy Journal
4. Michael F. Henry
5. Owen Wang, DuPage Policy Journal
6. Justin Wenig, Star Bridge

The District will respond to all the request(s) within the required timeline.

From: C Carlos <c.carlos@employeeresearchdata.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 12:53 PM
To: kfilipiak@lisle202.org <kfilipiak@lisle202.org>
Subject: PIA Request

April 6, 2026

Keith Filipiak, Superintendent
Lisle Community Unit SD 202

Dear Mr. Filipiak,

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

From: sunlight access <records@ultrasunlightaccess.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 5:20 AM

To: district202foia@lisle202.org <district202foia@lisle202.org>

Subject: Public Records Request: Lisle Community Unit School District 202 Purchase Orders (FR:38842)

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 am requesting an electronic summary of purchase orders (not the individual purchase orders themselves) issued by Lisle Community Unit School District 202 from 1/1/2022 through February, 28 2026.

This report may also be referred to as an accounts payable summary, check summary, check register, check warrants, vendor payment summaries, expenditure/disbursement reports or vendor analysis report. Any spreadsheet or report that lists vendor names, brief descriptions of purchases, and total amounts would be fully responsive to this request.

If available, please include:

- Vendor name
- Description of purchase or payment
- Total price or amount paid

If vendor names are coded, please include the code key if it's easily available. We're happy to accept whatever form this data is already maintained in — raw exports or standard reports (Excel, CSV, or PDF) are perfectly fine.

If another department is better suited to handle this request, I'd appreciate it if you could forward it to them or share their contact information.

If any part of this request is withheld, please provide the specific statutory exemption and release all non-exempt portions.

To ensure prompt follow-up, please send any correspondence regarding clarifications, extensions, online portal access, and response letters to records@sunlightaccess.com and reference: FR:38842

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www.sunlightaccess.com

From: foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com <foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 12:06 PM
To: kfilipiak@lisle202.org <kfilipiak@lisle202.org>
Subject: FOIA Request – Emails Referencing Steve Lefko

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

From: Michael Henry <michaelfhenry@live.com>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 7:36 PM

To: Michael Henry <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

From: foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com <foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 2:38 PM
To: kfilipiak@lisle202.org <kfilipiak@lisle202.org>
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Ramadan Accommodation Policies

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:

We seek the following records for the time period of January 1, 2026 through the present:

1. **Policies and Guidance**
 - Any and all policies, procedures, guidelines, or administrative directives concerning religious accommodations for students, including but not limited to accommodations related to Ramadan observance.
2. **Ramadan-Specific Records**
 - Any and all records, including memoranda, guidance documents, or internal communications, specifically addressing accommodations for students observing Ramadan.
3. **Prayer Accommodations During School Hours**
 - Any and all records reflecting policies, practices, or guidance regarding student prayer during the school day, including but not limited to:
 - Use of designated spaces for prayer;
 - Permission to leave class for religious observance;
 - Staff instructions or administrative guidance concerning such practices.
4. **Implementation and Communication**
 - Any communications, including emails or memoranda, between district administrators, school staff, or external entities concerning the implementation of accommodations for students observing Ramadan.
5. **Complaints or Requests**
 - Any records reflecting requests for religious accommodations related to Ramadan, and any records reflecting how such requests were handled, including summaries or reports (excluding personally identifiable student information).

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,

Owen Wang,

DuPage Policy Journal

From: Justin <justin.wenig@starbridgefoiadatahub.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Keith Filipiak <kfilipiak@lisle202.org>
Subject: Re: FOIA Request: Professional Learning/Development contracts

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your detailed response and for providing the Account Activity Detail for professional development expenditures. I appreciate the time and effort your office has devoted to compiling this information and for the clarity regarding the scope of available records.

I would like to kindly inquire whether there are **any executed contracts or purchase agreements associated with the vendors listed in the report**. If such records are available, I would be grateful to receive them at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for your assistance and for offering guidance on refining the request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Justin

On March 24, 2026 at 9:58 AM EDT kfilipiak@lisle202.org wrote:

Dear Mr. Wenig,

Thank you for your request submitted pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.).

After reviewing your request, the District conducted a search for executed contracts, purchase agreements, and purchase orders related to professional learning or professional development services within the last three years.

To assist with your request and provide the most responsive information available in an existing electronic format, I am providing the Account Activity Detail for professional development expenditures for the past three years, which identifies vendors, descriptions, and payment activity associated with professional development and training.

Many professional development expenses reflected in the District's records occur through conference registrations, reimbursements, or small-scale service engagements, rather than formal executed contracts or purchase agreements. Because of this, identifying and reviewing every individual transaction to determine whether any associated contract documentation may exist would require manual review of numerous transactions and supporting documentation, which would be unduly burdensome under FOIA.

Providing the attached activity report allows you to see the vendors, providers, and types of professional learning services utilized by the District over the past three years. If you would like to narrow your request to specific vendors, providers, or transactions listed in the report, the District would be happy to conduct a more targeted search for any associated contracts or agreements.

Please feel free to let me know if you would like assistance refining the request or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

~ Keith

Keith Filipiak, Ed. D.
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From: Justin Wenig <justin.wenig@starbridgefoiadatahub.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 7:14 AM
To: district202foia@lisle202.org <district202foia@lisle202.org>
Subject: FOIA Request: Professional Learning/Development contracts

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 Lisle Community Unit School District 202: 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