

Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>
To: foia@southcooknews.com

Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 12:13 PM

Hello,

We recently received notification of your FOIA request dated April 9, 2026, which was addressed to dgreen@palos128.org. Please be advised that Ms. Green has not been with the district for over seven years, and that email account has since been suspended.

In response to your request, we conducted a comprehensive search of all staff, board member, and administrator email accounts for any communications referencing "Steve Lefko" from January 1, 2023, to the present. Our search included variations such as "Lefko" and "Steve L."

The search yielded no results prior to your April 9, 2026, request sent to Dawn Green. Per your FOIA request, there are no email communications sent to or from the district that mention this name.

Regards,

Laura Kriha
FOIA Officer

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From: **Tomas Del Toro** <tdeltoro@palos128.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 25, 2026 at 10:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: FOIA Request – Emails Referencing Steve Lefko

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From: foia@southcooknews.com
Subject: FOIA Request – Emails Referencing Steve Lefko
Date: April 9, 2026 at 12:01:28 PM CDT
To: dgreen@palos128.org

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from South 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:

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,

South Cook News

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