



## PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

VIA EMAIL: matthewrdean11@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Dean:

As you know, Putnam County CUSD #535 (the “District”) received your initial Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request on March 6, 2026 seeking:

- all electronic communications sent or received by current school board members between May 1, 2025 and the present March 7th 2026 date that relate to discussions and communications including message body subject matter facility planning, renovations, construction projects, contracts, bids, proposals, vendor selection, negotiations, or any related decision-making or planning.

On March 13, 2026, the District timely extended the time for its response and informed you that your request may be unduly burdensome to comply with. The District gave you an opportunity to narrow your request to a manageable scale, as determined by the District.

On March 17, 2026, the District received your narrowed request, which limited the relevant time period of your request to:

- October 13, 2025 - October 21, 2025; and
- February 26, 2026 - March 5, 2026.

This letter serves as the District’s timely response to your narrowed FOIA request received on March 17, 2026.

### Response

The District has no responsive records exchanged during the October 13 – 21, 2025 timeframe in your request. The District is providing the attached records relevant to the February 26 – March 5, 2026 timeframe of your request, subject to the redaction or withholding of the following exempt information:

- Personal phone numbers and personal email addresses, as “private information” pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(b). See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b).
- Names and details that could identify a community member expressing opinions to the District privately, as personal information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if disclosed pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(c). See 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The Illinois Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) has allowed the withholding of the identities of private individuals expressing opinions to public bodies under this exemption, noting that citizens have a privacy right in the opinions they express. See PAC Pre-Authorization Letters 2010 PAC 8559, 2011 PAC 14281.

The name of the person responsible for the partial denial of your request is the undersigned. You may ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this partial denial by submitting a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this response. A request for Review by the PAC should be directed to: Public Access Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62701, [public.access@ilag.gov](mailto:public.access@ilag.gov), 877-299-FOIA. You also have the right to review by a court of law pursuant to FOIA Section 11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Theisinger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger  
FOIA Officer