

What Happened to the Emails?

Since sending out my latest round of open records requests (ORRs) asking for citizen correspondence regarding the Milwaukee Public Schools takeover plan (Darling/Kooyenga OSPP), I've heard from 12 Republican legislators who claim that their search turned up no records responsive to my request.

In the Assembly Chief Clerk's office on July 29, 2016, I tallied emails received from 8 legislators who did find records.

21 of the emails I read were sent to multiple legislators. I began to notice the names of those who had already told me they could find no records of citizen correspondence. I had copies made of the emails where their names appear as recipients.

Legislators received citizen correspondence but reported that they received none. Why?

Here are their names in alphabetical order followed by the number of emails they received, but denied receiving:

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| Rep. Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) | 18 |
| Rep. Edming (R-Glen Flora) | 15 |
| Rep. Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc) | 14 |
| Rep. Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) | 16 |
| Rep. Novak (R-Dodgeville) | 14 |
| Rep. Nygren (R-Marinette) | 16* |
| Rep. Petersen (R-Waupaca) | 14 |
| Rep. Schraa (R-Oshkosh) | 16 |
| Rep. Spiros (R-Marshfield) | 14 |
| Rep. Swearingen (R-Rhineland) | 14 |
| Rep. Tauchen (R-Bonduel) | 14 |
| Rep. Tranel (R-Cuba City) | 14 |

*Rep. Nygren, co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee, the most powerful committee in the legislature, claims never to have received any citizen correspondence related to any of the five ORRs sent to him. That pattern continues.

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Below are the names of additional legislators who received citizens' emails regarding the takeover of Milwaukee Public Schools. but reported they had no records to provide in response to my ORR.

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| Sen. Hansen (D-Green Bay) | 11 |
| Rep. Jarchow (R-Balsam Lake) | 15 |
| Rep. Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) | 14 |
| Rep. Nerison (R-Westby) | 13 |
| Sen. Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) | 12 |