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The board needs to stop taking away our right to know by limiting the public's access to electronic communications of any kind by public employees. Public employees using equipment paid for by the public and using time being paid for by the public do not have the right to keep communications out of the public's hands. This is how dictatorships and other oppressive governments work - this is NOT how the United States is supposed to operate. Limiting access means things are being hidden and actions are being taken "under the tables." Taxpayers have the right to know what officials are doing, especially when laws are passed secretly or inserted into the budget in the dark of night. Obviously, effects have been made to sneak things through that allows lawmakers to commit acts of which the public would not approve. Open records are the foundation of a free society. We have just moved to Wisconsin and are appalled by the secretive, underhanded actions of the legislators in this state. Shame on them. We didn't realize that we were moving to a third world "state."