

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

AMANDA WATZKA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 26-CV-392

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OCONTO
FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT,**

Defendant.

ORDER

Before the court is the plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order or protective order as to John Batchelor.

Batchelor is acquainted with plaintiff Amanda Watzka. However, he is not a party. "A district court may not enjoin non-parties who are neither acting in concert with the enjoined party nor are in the capacity of agents, employees, officers, etc. of the enjoined party." *United States v. Kirschenbaum*, 156 F.3d 784, 794 (7th Cir. 1998); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d)(2); *Blockowicz v. Williams*, 630 F.3d 563, 567 (7th Cir. 2010).

Batchelor is not acting in concert with a party. Again, his only relationship to any party is with Watzka. Yet he is not acting in concert with Watzka. Indeed, it is Watzka (along with all her co-plaintiffs) who seeks to enjoin Batchelor's conduct. Consequently, the court lacks any authority to issue an injunction as to Batchelor.

There are certain limited circumstances where a court's protective order may apply to non-parties. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), 45(d). The plaintiffs have failed to demonstrate either that the court has the authority to grant a protective order under the circumstances or that good cause supports the issuance of a protective order, *cf. Walsh v. Alight Sols. LLC*, 44 F.4th 716, 727 (7th Cir. 2022).

Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order or protective order (ECF Nos. 48, 51) is **denied**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plaintiffs' motion to seal the document filed as ECF No. 51 (ECF No. 47) is **granted**.

Dated at Green Bay, Wisconsin this 31st day of July, 2026.

s/ Byron B. Conway
BYRON B. CONWAY
U.S. District Judge