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**Subject:** Purchasing Thresholds for Approval

Dear Chris,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on **January 19, 2026**, in which you requested records related to multiple topics, including:

- **Dollar thresholds requiring approval by school administrators (e.g., principals)**
- **Dollar thresholds requiring approval by central office staff or department leadership**
- **Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the superintendent or designee**
- **Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the board of education**

Your request is **granted**. After conducting a reasonable search, the **Regional Office of Education #53** has determined that it **does not possess or maintain any records responsive to any of the items in your request**. Regional Offices of Education do not have board policies that traditional public schools have.



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Illinois FOIA requires public bodies to provide existing records in their possession, custody, or control (5 ILCS 140). FOIA does **not** require a public body to create new records, conduct research, or obtain records from outside its jurisdiction or possession.

### **Rights to Review**

You have the right to request review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General within 60 days of this response (5 ILCS 140/9.5). Requests for review may be submitted to:

#### **Public Access Counselor**

Office of the Illinois Attorney General  
500 S. 2nd Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
[publicaccess@ilag.gov](mailto:publicaccess@ilag.gov)  
(877) 299-3642

You also have the right to seek judicial review under Section 11 of FOIA.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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