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## FOIA Request - Putnam County CUSD 535 [Ref: Elijah Clark]

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**Robert Mercer** <robert@databranchusa.com>

Thu, Jun 18, 2026 at 7:56 PM

Reply-To: robert@databranchusa.com

To: "theisingerc@pcschools535.org" <theisingerc@pcschools535.org>

Cc: "elijah.clark@thedatabranch.com" <elijah.clark@thedatabranch.com>

Dear Records Custodian,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records pertaining to vendor procurement and purchasing activity.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

**Scope of Request:**

All products from: ESS/ESI, Kokua Education, Scoot Education, Zed Educate, and BuildEd

We aim to find records from 2022 to now that would reflect the pricing structure of any engagement with the above vendors. This may include subscription or licensing terms, implementation fees, and/or per-unit costs.

This request covers records such as:

- Contracts, service agreements, order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the listed vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

We are flexible on format and can accept records in whichever way your office already keeps them, such as:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any existing summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

To the extent any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, we ask that the remaining non-exempt segregable portions be released.

For full transparency, this request *is* for commercial purposes. We will gladly adhere to any policies or procedures Putnam County CUSD 535 has in place for public records requests, and are open to narrowing, clarifying, or modifying the request to make fulfillment easier on your end.

Records should be sent to Elijah Clark, who handles intake on behalf of The Data Branch, at the following:

Email: [elijah.clark@thedatabranch.com](mailto:elijah.clark@thedatabranch.com)

Phone: (302) 585-3132

Address: [1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904](#)

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response. If this request has been directed to the wrong agency or department, kindly advise or forward it to the appropriate custodian. Thank you for your cooperation.

With thanks,

Robert Mercer

The Data Branch Research Team

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Mon, Jun 22, 2026 at 10:10 AM

Dear Requestor:

Please see the attached response letter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger  
FOIA Officer

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**Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger**  
*Superintendent*  
Putnam County CUSD #535

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**Response Letter (June 22nd, 2026) - Vendors 5.pdf**  
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