

SPR Appeal — Dracut Public Schools — Sept. 25, 2026

Supervisor of Records:

I appeal Dracut Public Schools' September 25, 2026 response to my September 21, 2026 public records request under G.L. c. 66, § 10A and 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

The District states that it has identified 45 responsive agreements, estimates 120 hours to “search, segregate and redact” them, adds six hours for Superintendent Stone to “verify” them, and demands \$2,950, calculated as (120 hours - 2 free hours) x \$25/hour.

The arithmetic of $118 \times \$25$ is correct. The estimate itself is not adequately itemized or internally coherent. Forty-five already-identified records and an undifferentiated 120-hour block equate to 2 hours 40 minutes per agreement, before the additional six hours of superintendent review. The response never identifies how much of the 120 hours is search, compilation, segregation, redaction, or reproduction; what search remains after 45 responsive agreements have already been identified; how many pages are involved; what review rate or minutes-per-page assumption is being used; or what specific legally required redactions account for the claimed time.

I ask the Supervisor to find the present fee estimate noncompliant with G.L. c. 66, § 10(b)(viii) and 950 C.M.R. 32.07(2), and to order a supplemental response and corrected estimate consistent with the Law and Regulations.

Please see the attached appeal correspondence exhibit and the District's two-page response letter. Dracut is copied on this appeal as required by 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1)(g).

Thank you,
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Parent Data Force