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## 100 Days Later, Tolleson Union High School District Still Withholding Public Financial Records

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Today marks 100 days since the Tolleson Union High School District received a legislative request for its financial transaction records. Arizona State Representative Matt Gress, Chairman of the House Education Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, issued the following statement:

“It has been 100 days since I asked for basic financial records from the Tolleson Union High School District. In that time, the district has refused to provide electronic copies, demanded more than \$26,000 in fees meant to discourage oversight, and ignored repeated clarifications. No other public entity in Arizona has ever tried to block access to routine financial information.

The Legislature has a duty to review how taxpayer dollars are used. When a district refuses to turn over purchase orders and financial transactions, it raises serious questions. Tolleson voters already expressed deep concern by rejecting the district’s bond and override in November by a wide margin. Their message was clear: restore accountability.

The district’s governing board should direct staff to produce the records without delay. Exporting purchase order data from financial software is straightforward and regularly done by other districts in a matter of days. A 100-day refusal to cooperate is unacceptable and cannot continue.

The Legislature will continue pressing for these records until they are produced. Taxpayers deserve answers, and they deserve them now.”

Representative Gress first requested Tolleson Union’s financial transaction data on August 26 following a [legislative audit hearing](#) on district finances. He issued a follow-up letter on [September 17](#). The district has not complied.

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