

September 5, 2024

Steve Wilder
Sycamore CUSD 427
245 W. Exchange St.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Dear Mr. Wilder:

On July 29, 2024, the Illinois State Board of Education received a request from Sycamore CUSD 427 for a modification of ISBE Rule 23 Ill. Admin. Code 180.500(e). This request seeks to allow the district to waive express authorization from the state superintendent to use fire prevention and safety funds to purchase a school building. Thank you for filing this request.

After thorough review of the documentation submitted to support the request and pursuant to 2-3.25g of the School Code and 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.100(i), I hereby declare the request **denied** for the following reason:

Granting this modification request would in effect be granting a waiver of the School Code. A decision such as this should be made after public debate in the Illinois General Assembly.

Please notify the State Board of Education in writing within 30 calendar days after receiving this letter if you wish to appeal the denial. The written appeal must include:

- The date the local Board of Education, governing board, or regional superintendent of schools approved the original request;
- The citation of the rule or School Code section involved; and
- A brief description of the issue.

This appeal will be forwarded to the General Assembly when the Fall 2024 Waiver Report is submitted.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Legislative Affairs Department at 217-782-6510.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tony Sanders
State Superintendent of Education