

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Steven Colarossi,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0357

Superintendent of Schools,
Norwalk Public Schools; and
Norwalk Public Schools,

Respondents

November 16, 2016

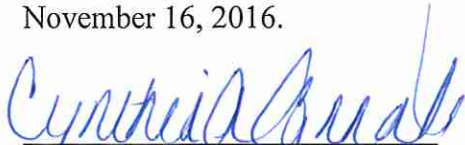
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 13, 2016 at 2:30 P.M., at which time the respondents and their counsel appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Anthony Shannon, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with his witness, Brenda Wilcox Williams, Chief Communications Officer for Norwalk Public Schools. It is also noted that Attorney Shannon represented that, prior to the scheduled hearing, he had spent considerable time preparing exhibits and meeting with his witness in preparation of the contested case hearing. In addition, Ms. Wilcox Williams represented that she had left Norwalk and traveled an hour and a half to arrive at the contested case hearing on time, and she anticipated that it would take her just as long to return to Norwalk.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 16, 2016.



Cynthia A. Cannata
Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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and Norwalk Public Schools
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