

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)	
Joseph Volak, Complainant)	Report of Hearing Officer
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against)	Docket #FIC77-109
)	
City and Town of New Britain and)	July 20 , 1977
Board of Education of the City and)	
Town of New Britain,)	
Respondents)	

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on June 20, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondent board appeared and presented testimony and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by §1-18a (a), G.S.
2. By letter dated May 18, 1977, the complainant requested from the superintendent of the New Britain school system the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the names of parents of legal guardians of the present and future graduating classes of New Britain High School and Pulaski High School.
3. By letter of reply from the superintendent dated May 23, 1977, the requested information was denied.
4. From such denial the complainant filed the present complaint with the Commission on June 2, 1977, asserting his right to the names of the parents, legal guardians and phone numbers of the students.
5. At the hearing herein, the complainant did not contest the respondent board's denial of that part of the aforesaid request which concerned the names and addresses of the high school students, as that matter has been raised by the same parties hereto in docket #FIC76-176, which matter is now on appeal to the Court of Common Pleas at Hartford, Connecticut.

6. The Commission has not, as yet, determined whether the telephone numbers and names of the parents and legal guardians of students are public records as defined by §1-19, G.S. Such a matter is raised for the first time in the present complaint.

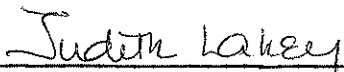
7. The telephone numbers and the names of the parents or legal guardians of students are kept in records maintained in the student files of the respondent board.

8. It is found that such records consist of personnel and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of the personal privacy of the students.

9. It is therefore concluded that the complainant was not denied the right to inspect or copy records under §1-19, G.S.

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.



Commissioner Judith Lahey

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on July 27, 1977.



Charlene G. Arnold as Clerk of the
Freedom of Information Commission