FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by James E. Carroll, Jr.

FINAL DECISION

Complainant(s)

Docket #FIC83-192

vs.

April 11, 1984

Office of Personnel, Hartford Public Schools; Board of Education of the City of Hartford

Respondent(s)

The above captioned matter was scheduled for hearing November 21, 1983 at which time the complainant appeared.

The complainant stated that he had requested access to the computer printout on certification and seniority of teachers at Bulkeley High School on August 22, 1983. On September 9, 1983 the respondent informed the complainant that the information was exempt from disclosure.

However on November 15, 1983, three days before the hearing, the respondent offered to provide the complainant with access to the documents. The complainant accepted this offer and stated on the record that he would now withdraw his complaint.

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 Commission cautions the respondent to avoid in the future procedures such as the complainant described at hearing. Had the complainant pursued his complaint, the behavior of the respondent was sufficiently unreasonable that it may have permitted the imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to §1-21i(b), G.S.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of April 11, 1984.

Mary Jo Jolicoeur Clerk of the Commission