

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Amy Calandro,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0553

Director of Pupil Services,
Trumbull Public Schools; and
Trumbull Public Schools,

Respondents

February 27, 2019

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on January 16, 2019 at 1:00 PM, at which time the respondents appeared with their counsel, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Rebecca Goldberg, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with Pauline Smith, Director of Pupil Services for Trumbull Public Schools. Attorney Goldberg represented that she had spent between eight and ten hours in this case working with the ombudsman; gathering and reviewing responsive records; and preparing exhibits and meeting with her clients in preparation for the hearing. Attorney Goldberg further represented that her clients had disclosed all responsive records to the complainant. The hearing officer further notes that Attorney Goldberg and Director Smith traveled almost an hour to arrive at the hearing on time, only to have a four minute hearing and then travel back to Trumbull.

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 her 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 February 27, 2019.



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:

AMY CALANDRO, 31 Hickory Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES, TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, c/o Attorney Rebecca Goldberg, Berchem Moses PC, 75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460



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