

# Right To Know request

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Co-Superintendent Sherman

In your letter to parents of 4/4/16 you stated; "We have not made any public announcements regarding this case because it is a personnel matter that under state and federal law the administration must keep confidential"

At the 4/5/16 Pembroke School Board meeting when I asked you what law prohibited you from announcing the arrest, you stated;

"The primary law that we are quoting is 91A, the Right To Know law which protects personnel matters and personnel records. Once an arrest was made, that was turned over to the police and it became, on our end, a personnel matter that we can not discuss."

I know RSA 91-A to be a state law, can you please let me know which federal law applies and if there are any other state laws that apply?

David Pearl

I am still awaiting your answer regarding the Federal Law you referenced.  
Dave Pearl

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to Spotlight

Mr. Pearl,

The Board will be providing responses to questions that have been asked on Tuesday at their meeting.

Patty

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Superintendent Shreman

With all due respect, I did not ask the Board which Federal law you were refereeing to in the letter, I asked you.  
The same letter (4/4/16) states; As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.  
That is what I have done.

David Pearl

**patty sherman <psherman@sau53.org>** Apr 18 (2 days ago)

to Spotlight

Good morning Mr. Pearl,

According to the US Department of Labor, there are over 180 Federal laws that protect employees, to include Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title II of the ADA.

As I wrote on Friday, Chair Serafin will be providing a response to questions asked at the last meeting.

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to patty

Superintendent Sherman,

I am sure there are many laws that protect employees. To be clear, are you claiming that section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title II of the ADA, prohibited you from announcing the arrest? I am not talking about discussing the details, only the announcement of the arrest.

Again, this question is not directed at Chairman Serafin, it is direct to you as the Superintendent and the author of the 4/5/16 letter.

Thank you  
David Pearl

Apr 19 (1 day ago)

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to patty

Superintendent Sherman

I would like to clear up this issue before tonight's meeting. I do not want to miss characterize what you said in your email. You said there are many laws protecting employees and mentioned Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title II of the ADA as two of them. Are you saying that these two laws prohibited you from announcing the arrest?

Thank You  
David Pearl

Apr 19 (1 day ago)

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to Spotlight

Mr. Pearl,

No, I am not claiming that those laws prohibited me from announcing that an arrest was made.

The safety risk was reviewed and it was determined that there was no safety risk to students or staff and a decision was made that the school would defer from making an announcement about the arrest as the police continued to conduct their criminal investigation, and in order to afford Ms. Luther a fair and unbiased hearing before the Board.

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Melissa , this email string crosses over with another string I will send.

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