

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: September 28, 2023

IN RE: “*Anonymous*” v. *Downingtown Area School District*, OOR Dkt. AP 2023-2329

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is denied. The Requester is identified only as “Anonymous”, and the appeal was sent from uwchlanauditing@gmail.com.¹ There is no evidence that the Requester is an identified “person that is a legal resident of the United States...” 65 P.S. § 67.102. As such, the OOR finds that the Requester is anonymous and does not meet the definition of a “requester” under the RTKL. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1) (authorizing “the requester” to file an appeal).

For this reason, the District is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Chester County Court of Common Pleas 65 P.S. §§ 67.1301-1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.² All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>

Issued by:

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Sent to: “Anonymous”; Downingtown Area School District, Agency Open Records Officer

¹ The Pennsylvania Department of States does not list an entity registered as Uwchlan Auditing.

² *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).