



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: May 14, 2026

IN RE: *Melvin Band v. New Hope-Solebury School District*; OOR Dkt. AP 2026-1872

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 untimely. The Request was denied by New Hope-Solebury School District (“District”) on April 10, 2026. Appeals of denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the denial, or by May 1, 2026 in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was received by the OOR on May 12, 2026.¹ The Requester is not prohibited from refileing the Request and, if necessary, filing a new appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

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 Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(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 via OOR e-File Portal to: Requester;
Agency Open Records Officer, New Hope-Solebury School District

¹ The Requester’s appeal was mailed to and received at an old address for the OOR on May 4, 2026. Even if deeming the appeal to have been received on May 4, 2026, the appeal would still be untimely.

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