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FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: November 23, 2026

IN RE: *Elizabeth Stallings and USA Today v. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-5245

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 Requests were denied by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association ("PIAA") on October 22, 2026. Appeals of denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the denial, or by November 13, 2026 in this instance.[1] 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was submitted to the OOR on November 16, 2026. The Requester is not prohibited from refiling the Requests and, if necessary, filing a new appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the PIAA is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Commonwealth Court. 65 P.S. § 67.1301(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, but 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. 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:

/s/ Joshua T. Young

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Sent to: Requester, Agency Open Records Officer, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

[1] The OOR's offices were closed on November 11, 2026 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday; as a result, this day was not included in the calculation of the appeal period.