STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY TITLE: ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGULATIONS

POLICY NUMBER: 1112.3(A)

Community Relations
Access to Information (Policy #1112.3-a Regulations)

The Board's policy pertaining to the access of information shall be administered according to the following guidelines:

- 1. The Board grants discretion, within all applicable statutes, to the Superintendent for implementation and policy.
- 2. Any information covered by Section I-210 that is readily available in the format in which it is requested will be supplied by the Superintendent or his/her designee for inspection and/or copying by the person or group making the request. A reasonable fee may be charged for the cost of reproducing requested information.
- 3. A document or record which is limited in its availability to the administration will not be released.
- 4. Requests for studies or analyses of information which will result in staff members assuming responsibilities or performing tasks that are not ordinarily part of their day-to-day duties, will only be undertaken with Board of Education endorsement.
- 5. The Board, in consultation with the Superintendent, will examine the request to determine the appropriate action to be taken. A positive endorsement to fulfil requests must receive a majority vote from the Board at either a regular or special meeting.
- 6. According to statute, the following records may not be disclosed:
 - a. Preliminary drafts or notes.
 - b. Personnel or medical files.
 - c. Information to be used in a prospective law enforcement action if prejudicial to such action.
 - d. Records pertaining to such action.
 - e. Test questions, scoring keys, and examinations.
 - f. The contents of real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility studies made relative to the acquisition of property.
 - g. Records, reports, and statements of strategy, or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.
 - h. Student records covered by privacy law.
 - i. And any other records, documents, or materials deemed confidential by the courts or FOI Commission.

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7. Appeal process:

Any individual or organization denied access to information by the Superintendent or his/her designee may appeal this denial to the Board of Education. A request for reconsideration shall be directed in writing to the Superintendent who will bring the item before the Board as a whole. The petitioning organization or individual may present relevant information to the Board.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

I-210 Access to public records. Exempt records.