EH - PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL RECORDS

The Superintendent is hereby designated the custodian of all records, minutes, documents, writings, letters, memoranda, or other written, typed, copied, or developed materials possessed, assembled, or maintained by the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District.

1. All requests for public information are to be forwarded to the Superintendent immediately upon receipt. The Superintendent shall thereupon make a determination as to whether or not the information requested is public in nature. If public, the Superintendent shall provide the information in a timely manner.

2. In accordance with RSA 91-A:4, if the Superintendent finds the information to be public in nature, he or she shall direct that it be reproduced on the premises. The party requesting the information is to be charged the cost of reproduction. If the requested record or document is in active use by the district or is otherwise unavailable, the party requesting the information will be informed that the record is not currently available and that he or she will be notified immediately upon it becoming available.

3. If the Superintendent finds the information <u>not</u> to be public in nature, he or she shall so inform the requesting party that the information is not a public record.

4. If the Superintendent is unable to ascertain whether or not the information requested is public in nature, he or she is hereby authorized to request, on behalf of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board, an opinion from the Board's attorney as to the nature of the information. Such opinion requests will be made within ten (10) days of the original request for the information. The Superintendent shall notify the person requesting such information that an opinion is to be requested of the attorney and shall notify such person immediately upon receipt of an answer from the attorney.

<u>Note</u>

NHSBA previously categorized this policy as Mandatory/Required by Law, Category P. Upon further research, it is not required by law. NHSBA still recommends you keep this policy in place.

Legal References:

RSA 91-A:4, Minutes and Records Available for Public Inspection

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