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Superintendent of Schools

March 12, 2025

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Dave Copeland

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RE: Public Records Request dated February 26, 2025

Dear Mr. Copeland:

The Andover Public Schools (“District”) received your Public Records Request pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66 dated February 26, 2025. Specifically, you requested the following documents:

- *All June 2023 and July 2023 emails discussing Andover High School graduation rates sent to and from Scott Darlington by Magda Parvey.*
- *All June 2023 and July 2023 emails discussing Andover High School graduation rates sent to and from Scott Darlington by Julie Riley.*
- *All June 2023 and July 2023 emails discussing Andover High School graduation rates sent to and from Scott Darlington by Nancy Cox (sic).*
- *All June 2023 and July 2023 emails discussing Andover High School graduation rates sent to and from Scott Darlington by Caitlyn (sic) Brown.*

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, this letter serves as the district’s response to your request. The District possesses documents responsive to your request, which are enclosed.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the Supervisor of Public Records within ninety (90) days pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66 §10A(a) and 950 CMR 32.08(1). Additionally, you have the right to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in Superior Court pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66 §10A(c).

Nicole L. Kieser
Records Access Officer

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From: [Scott Darlington](#)
To: [Caitlin Brown](#)
Cc: [Magda Parvey](#); [Julie Riley](#); [Nancy Koch](#); [Alicia Linsey](#); [Aixa Hilario De Kelley](#); [Rebecca Perry](#)
Subject: Data Review of Class of 2022 Graduation Rate
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 2:54:13 PM

Dear Caitlin,

As discussed, our team met today to review graduation data from the AHS class of 2022.

We are aware that there has been concern about the graduation rate for Andover High School students for the Class of 2022, especially for students in special education.

According to the DESE data for the AHS class of 2022:

- 69.4% of students with disabilities graduated with the class of 2022.
- 30.6% of students with disabilities from the class of 2022 are still in school.

Source: <https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/gradrates.aspx>

The percentages above when added equal 100%. This puzzled us as it would indicate that all of our special education students that did not graduate are still in school. Therefore, we looked closer at the data.

There are 27 students in total who were reported as nongraduates for the AHS Class of 2022.

A data investigation on the non-graduation rate for the AHS Class of 2022 revealed the following information about the 27 students:

- 15 TOPS students were reported as non-graduates
 - 12 AHS TOPS students were counted as non-graduates for 2022
 - 3 North Andover TOPS students were counted as non-graduates for 2022
- 1 Excel student was counted as a non-graduate for 2022
- 6 students returned for a 5th year and graduated in June of 2023
- 2 students are anticipated to graduate by end of August 2023
- 2 students were reported as dropouts
 - 1 student moved out of Andover and family indicated they would enroll at Lowell High School
 - 1 student registered but never attended Andover High School
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In closing, our AHS Class of 2022 graduation rate as reported (69.4%) does not

reflect the ongoing educational activities of our special education students. The additional 30.6% of students that did not graduate are still in APS educational programs.

Aixa has been in communication with George Leeds today. He is going to reach out to DESE to see if any graduate information needs to be coded differently.

We are continuously monitoring our graduation rate and our dropout rate. We welcome a conversation to discuss and reflect.

Scott, Alicia, Aixa, and Becca.

From: [Julie Riley](#)
To: [Scott Darlington](#)
Subject: RE: Data Review of Class of 2022 Graduation Rate
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 5:54:16 PM

Thank you, Scott!

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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 2:54 PM
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Cc: Magda Parvey <magda.parvey@andoverma.us>; Julie Riley <julie.riley@andoverma.us>; Nancy Koch <nancy.koch@andoverma.us>; Alicia Linsey <alicia.linsey@andoverma.us>; Aixa Hilario De Kelley <aixa.hilariodekelley@andoverma.us>; Rebecca Perry <rebecca.perry@andoverma.us>
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