



July 30, 2009

Advisory Regarding Home Addresses of Public Employees

On Tuesday July 28, 2009, the Commonwealth Court issued a temporary injunction in which Senior Judge Rochelle Friedman stated in part that “the release of home addresses of all public school employees is hereby stayed until further order of this Court.” A copy of the Court Order is available on our website, <https://openrecords.state.pa.us>.

Judge Friedman issued this order following the filing of a complaint for declaratory judgment and a complaint in equity for injunctive relief by the Pennsylvania School Employees Association, the statewide union representing over 191,000 public school teachers and education support professionals, staff in state higher education institutions, nurses in health care facilities, retired educators, and college students preparing to become teachers.

The Office of Open Records will abide by this order until the Commonwealth Court either lifts the preliminary injunction or after a hearing, decides whether a permanent injunction will be issued.

Further, as Executive Director I have directed that the Office of Open Records will make no distinction between the protection of home addresses of public school employees and those of other public employees. In equity to all public employees, the Office of Open Records will issue no final determinations ordering the release of public employee home addresses only pending resolution of this matter by the Commonwealth Court.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Mutchler", written in a cursive style.

Terry Mutchler
Executive Director