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Authority to file Malden Public Schools v. Murray et al., No. 2181CV01458 – question and public records request

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Subject: Authority to file Malden Public Schools v. Murray et al., No. 2181CV01458 – question and public records request

Dear Superintendent Sippel,

I am writing on behalf of Malden News Network with a question and a related public records request.

Question: Who has the authority to initiate litigation on behalf of Malden Public Schools, and who authorized the filing of Malden Public Schools v. Rebecca S. Murray, Supervisor of Records of the Public Records Division of the Office of William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 2181CV01458 (filed July 1, 2021)?

Please consider the following a formal public records request: Under G.L. c. 66, § 10, by which we ask that you please provide the following records:

1. Any School Committee vote, motion, or minutes authorizing, approving, or ratifying the commencement of the above action, including the posted agenda for the meeting. If the matter was discussed or voted on in executive session, please include those minutes to the extent they may be released.
2. Any written policy, resolution, or delegation in effect on July 1, 2021 that governs who may authorize litigation on behalf of Malden Public Schools.
3. Any written authorization, directive, or approval from any official or body (including the Superintendent, School Committee, Mayor, City Council, or City Solicitor) to commence the action.
4. The engagement letter or agreement with Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP covering the action.

For items 1 and 3, please search January 1, 2021 through July 1, 2021. I ask for electronic copies.

As a news organization seeking records in the public interest, I request a fee waiver under G.L. c. 66, § 10(d). If you decline, please send a written fee estimate before doing any work. If any record or portion is withheld, please identify the specific exemption relied on and release all segregable portions, as § 10(b)(iv) requires. If no responsive record exists for an item, please say so in writing.

I look forward to your response within 10 business days.

Sincerely,
Brian DeLacey
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cc: Records Access Officer, City of Malden