## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00135-ACR

# PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. U.S. DEPARTMENT

OF EDUCATION Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

#### <u>Plaintiff</u>

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST

Date Filed: 01/20/2022 Date Terminated: 03/21/2024 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

## **Defendant**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/20/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–8991922) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Exhibit A – FOIA 22–00131–F, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # 3 Summons Summons –– U.S. Attorney's Office, # 4 Summons Summons –– U.S. Attorney General, # 5 Summons Summons –– Department of Education)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 01/20/2022)

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01/21/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Florence Y. Pan. (znmg) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
01/21/2022	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
01/21/2022	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 1/21/22. (lcaa) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
03/02/2022	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 03/02/2022)
03/02/2022	<u>5</u>	ORDER: Parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report by April 4, 2022. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 3/2/22. (Icaa) (Entered: 03/02/2022)
03/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/4/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 03/02/2022)
04/04/2022	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 04/04/2022)
04/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before May 4, 2022. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 4/5/2022. (lcrl) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/05/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/4/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/29/2022	7	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Substituting for attorney Blake A. Weiner (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/04/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 4, 2022. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 5/5/22. (lcaa) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
05/05/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/4/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time To Submit Joint Status Report by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Lawkowski, Gary) Modified on 6/6/2022 to correct docket event/text (zjf). (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 10, 2022. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 6/6/2022. (lcsw) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/10/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/10/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
06/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before July 12, 2022, and every thirty days thereafter. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 6/14/22. (lcaa) (Entered: 06/14/2022)
06/14/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 06/14/2022)
07/12/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/12/2022)
07/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before August 18, 2022, and every thirty days thereafter. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 7/13/22. (Icaa) (Entered: 07/13/2022)

07/13/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/18/2022. (smc) (Entered: 07/14/2022)
08/18/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 08/18/2022)
09/19/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/23/2022		Judge Florence Y. Pan has been elevated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She is therefore no longer assigned to this case, and this matter has been reassigned to the Calendar Committee, which will oversee it until it is assigned to another district judge. Any questions should be directed to Judge Pan's former deputy clerk, Samantha Calloway, at 202–354–3163 or samantha_calloway@dcd.uscourts.gov. (ztnr) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
10/16/2022	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Anna Davis Walker on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Substituting for attorney Daniel Patrick Schaefer (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/16/2022)
10/19/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/19/2022)
11/18/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 11/18/2022)
12/16/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
01/18/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
02/17/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 02/17/2023)
02/24/2023		Case directly reassigned to District Judge Ana C. Reyes. Circuit Judge Florence Y. Pan is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 02/24/2023)
03/20/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/20/2023)
03/20/2023	<u>21</u>	ENTERED IN ERRORJoint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) Modified on 3/21/2023 (zjm). (Entered: 03/20/2023)
03/20/2023		VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT'S ORDER DATED 3/21/2023MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before April 21, 2023, advising the Court on the parties' efforts to resolve any challenges to the content of the administrative record among themselves, or to propose a schedule for briefing such challenges, if necessary, or to propose a briefing schedule for any summary judgment motions. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 3/20/2023. (lcjo) Modified on 3/21/2023 (zcdw). (Entered: 03/20/2023)
03/21/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>21</u> Status Report. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect court header/case caption/case number. Please refile. (zjm) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
03/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The Court's Minute Order entered on March 20, 2023, is hereby VACATED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 3/21/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
03/21/2023	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Filing Correct Joint Status Report by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION re <u>20</u> Status Report (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
04/19/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 04/19/2023)
04/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties shall file their next joint status report on or before May 26, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana

		C. Reyes on 4/21/2023. (lcjo) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
04/21/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/26/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
05/26/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 05/26/2023)
07/05/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report Nunc Pro Tunc</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/05/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT and Joint Motion to Amend Schedule by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/05/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint MOTION to Amend/Correct Order, <i>entered June 14, 2022, to file Joint Status Report Every Sixty Days as Opposed to Every Thirty Days</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Motion for an Extension of time <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> , and for good cause and excusable neglect shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties' Motion is GRANTED and the time to file the parties' June 26, 2023 Joint Status Report shall be extended, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> , until July 5, 2023. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26 27</u> Joint Status Report and Joint Motion to Amend Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties' Motion is GRANTED, and it is FURTHER ORDERED that the Court's June 14, 2022 Minute Order is AMENDED such that the parties are directed to file a further joint status report on or before September 5, 2023 and every 60 days thereafter, until this case is dismissed or the parties submit a schedule for further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 7/6/2023. (lcjo) (Entered: 07/06/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>28</u>	NOTICE by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>29</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
08/30/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 08/30/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
01/05/2024	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/20/2024	<u>34</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/20/2024)