



# Scranton School District

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**Right-To-Know Response Form**  
**Granted Response**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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RE: Right-to-Know Law Request 2023-01-09 56-23

Dear Mr. Todd Feathers:

Thank you for writing to the Scranton School District with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law ("RTKL"), 65 P.S. § 67.101 *et seq.*

On Thursday, September 7, 2023 you requested the following information *verbatim*:

**Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act, I hereby request records related to student predictive analytics services used by the district.**

**For the purpose of this request, the term "student predictive analytics services" means software or computer code that employs machine learning models to generate predictions about individual students or groups of students for one or more of the following purposes:**

- a) To generate predictions about students' likelihood of dropping out or graduating (these tools are sometimes called early warning systems).**
- b) To generate predictions about students' likely performance in individual classes, honors or AP programs, and/or on standardized tests (including state assessments, the ACT, SAT, etc.)**
- c) To generate predictions about students' attentiveness and/or emotional wellbeing.**
- d) To generate predictions about students' behavior and/or safety (e.g. whether a student is at risk of harming themselves or others)**
- e) To generate predictions that are used to determine whether students are placed in special schools, programs, and/or classes.**

**My request applies to student predictive analytics services used by the district during the 2022-23 academic year, including those developed in-house by the district, purchased from a vendor, or provided by another agency (e.g. the state department of education or a university).**

Your request has been granted and the responsive documentation is attached.

If you have additional questions, please contact Robert Gentilezza. This correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Sincerely,

**Robert Gentilezza**

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