



Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP)

Amendment Act, 1999

- * A new disclosure provision is included that permits schools to disclose personal information without requiring a formal request under the FOIP Act, in circumstances where there is clearly no invasion of personal privacy.
- * Schools have the ability to provide information about school enrolments, past and present, which will be particularly helpful to organizers of school reunions.
- * Schools are authorized to allow disclosure of student names for the promotion of community recognition of students who receive awards and honours granted by or through the school board, regional authority or charter school. The same concept applies to employee-related awards or honours.
- * The Act limits the amount of information that may be disclosed and allows schools to continue protecting children at risk. Parents may specifically request that enrolment information not be disclosed.
- * A new section facilitates the sharing of student information or employee information where this is appropriate. Sharing of information between schools and other public bodies is permitted where this is necessary for the delivery of a common or integrated program or service.
- * The definition of an "employee" has been expanded under the Act to include a person who performs a service for the public body as an appointee, volunteer, or student or a person under a contract or agency relationship with the public body. This clarifies that parent volunteers are bound to abide by the provisions of the Act.
- * An existing exception to disclosure under the Act has been expanded to permit a public body to withhold from disclosure standardized tests used by public bodies, including intelligence tests.

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