

Attorney files complaint seeking information from school district

BETHLEHEM — A local man Tuesday filed a complaint with the state Freedom of Information Commission against the Region 14 School District.

Thomas L. Brayton III, a lawyer in Waterbury, has asked the commission to compel the region to provide him with documents he requested Nov. 10 from schools Superintendent Robert D. Cronin.

The region had until Nov. 17 to comply with Brayton's request, according to statutes. Cronin wrote to Brayton on Nov. 15, saying Brayton could schedule an appointment to review the materials when they were gathered.

"I have not gotten a call. I have not gotten a fax. I have gotten nothing," Brayton said. "They have not asserted that any of these documents are exempt" from FOI laws.

Brayton, who opposes the school board's recent decision to reconfigure Bethlehem and Mitchell Elementary schools, has asked for hearing minutes, agendas, notes, e-mails, instant messages, board reports, recommendations and tapes related to the decision. Cronin could not be reached for comment.