

Release the findings

- A long-awaited Greece school report needs a public airing.

The Greece school board shouldn't act on an investigation into alleged discriminatory practices in the district without first releasing as much of the report as can be made public without violating privacy rights.

It's basic — no report, no action. The Greece public deserves a full accounting of the results of an investigation that has dragged on for far too long and whose launching forced the superintendent and two other district employees onto paid administrative leave. Under the state's Freedom of Information law, personnel matters are routinely closed — for sound reasons.

But the public doesn't need to know what employee X said to investigator Y about employee Z. What it should have after all this time — the investigation was ordered in early October — are findings: Were there age discrimina-

tory management practices in the district, as several employees have claimed and the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission has upheld?

If so, were they a matter of management policy, poor oversight or a combination of those and other factors? What went on, if anything, that led to these allegations? Do the problems merit dismissals or lesser types of discipline?

The school board is expected to take up the report in executive session Tuesday and has already discussed it in at least one other closed-door session. Some sort of board vote based on the report may come this week. Superintendent Meg Keller-Cogan's job is on the line.

Yet the public is almost entirely in the dark. All taxpayers know is that they've paid more than \$160,000 in salaries to the employees on leave and for the interim superintendent. The time for secrecy and closed doors is past. Let's get a report to the public on this investigation — before any decision by the board,