

441—174.5(232E) Options if report dismissed or rejected during student abuse intake. If the report of alleged student abuse is dismissed as not being investigable for lack of jurisdiction or rejected as incomplete, the department may inform the identifiable source of all the following:

174.5(1) The report is being dismissed or rejected and the basis for the dismissal or rejection.

174.5(2) Dismissal or rejection of the report of alleged student abuse does not preclude other options for reporting, investigation, or disciplinary action for complaints that do not meet the threshold of student abuse, including:

a. Contacting law enforcement.

b. Contacting the county attorney.

c. Contacting private counsel for the purpose of filing a civil suit or complaint.

d. Filing a complaint with the superintendent of the public school district or the authorities in charge of the nonpublic school associated with the school employee allegedly involved in the alleged misconduct or contacting the board of educational examiners, as applicable.

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