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**NOT PRECEDENTIAL**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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No. 00-2264

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R.C.,  
Appellant

v.

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION; JAMES CAUFIELD,  
Superintendent; ROBERT BERGEN, Assistant Superintendent;  
GUY BARBATO, Assistant Superintendent; CAROL REYNOLDS,  
Child Study Team Director; RUBY BASKERVILLE, Social Worker;  
MARY CAPRIGLIONE, LDTC; THERESA LAURENCE, Guidance Counselor;  
RONALD FREIDBERG, School Psychologist; SAMUEL FORTUNATO, Principal;  
RINA BROYER, Chemistry Teacher; DR. JAEGER, Chairperson of Chemistry  
Department Defendants, as Municipal Entity, as Governmental  
Employees and in their Individual Capacity; THEODORE JAKUBOWSKI;  
KATHLEEN FRENCH, Learning Disability Teacher Consultant; FREEMAN,  
responsible for implementing transition programs

v.

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION; JAMES CAUFIELD;  
ROBERT BERGEN; GUY BARBATO; CAROL REYNOLDS;  
RUBY BASKERVILLE; MARY CAPRIGLIONE;  
THERESA LAURENCE; RONALD FREIDBERG; SAMUEL FORTUNATO;  
RINA BROYER; DR. JAEGER,  
Third Party Plaintiffs

v.

HELENE CARO,  
Third Party Defendant

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ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY  
D.C. Civil No. 94-cv-01068  
District Judge: The Honorable Katharine S. Hayden

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Argued January 10, 2003

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Before: SCIRICA, BARRY, and SMITH, Circuit Judges

(Opinion Filed: January 28, 2003)

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OPINION

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PER CURIAM

Plaintiff R.C. appeals the District Court's grant of summary judgment in favor of the Union Township Board of Education and fourteen of its employees. R.C., in a 72 count

Second Amended Complaint, alleged violations of his rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the due process and equal protection clauses of the Constitution of the United States. He brought his claims both directly and under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1985. Because R.C. was an older high school student when he filed suit in 1994 (and is now a 29 year old man), he has limited the relief he seeks under the plethora of statutes he invokes to compensatory and punitive damages. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

The parties and the District Court are intimately familiar with the lengthy history of this case, a history that began in the late-1980's and culminated in the decision of the District Court we are now called upon to review. It would, therefore, serve no useful purpose to summarize that history or the numerous ways in which R.C. alleges that error was committed. Suffice it to say, we have reviewed with great care the extensive record in this case, the decision of the District Court, and the contentions of the parties on appeal. Our review convinces us that for substantially the reasons set forth by the District court in its oral opinion of June 26, 2000 and Order of June 29, 2000, the Order of the District Court will be affirmed.