

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Madison Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY:

The student is a 15 and ½ year-old young woman whose parent was seeking a residential placement for her. The student has been identified as a child with emotional disturbance and therefore eligible for special education and related services as required in the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. The parent requested a due process hearing on July 20, 2000. The parent and the Board attempted to mediate their differences, but this was not successful. The matter came to a hearing on October 30, 2000, November 29, 2000 and January 9, 2001. At the January 9, 2001 hearing date, the parties requested some time to try and mediate. The parties at the latter hearing date came to an agreement and the hearing was adjourned in order for the parties to write an agreement.

In a letter received by the hearing officer on January 10, 2001, the parent's attorney requested that the matter be dismissed with prejudice because the parties have signed an agreement.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The due process hearing is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**