

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Groton Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

**ISSUES:**

1. Whether the student is entitled to music and art therapy as a component of his education program to provide him with a free appropriate public education.
2. Whether the student should receive additional mental health services as a component of his educational program to provide him with a free appropriate public education.
3. Whether the placement at Groden is appropriate, in the least restrictive environment.
4. If not, is placement appropriate at the League School?
5. Whether the adaptive P.E. component of the student's program is appropriate, or whether the student requires additional therapy.
6. Whether the current summer program is appropriate, and if not, whether the student is entitled to a 60-day summer program.

**SUMMARY:**

The matter was assigned on September 28, 2000. The prehearing conference was held on October 3, 2000. The hearing convened on November 8, November 20 and November 22, 2000, January 4 and January 8, 2001. The parent proceeded pro se until the January 4<sup>th</sup> hearing. At the January 8<sup>th</sup> hearing, the parent's counsel and the Board's counsel reported that the matter had been settled. The parent and the Board's representative were

canvassed as to whether they knowingly and voluntarily entered into the settlement agreement.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED, with prejudice.**