

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wallingford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Deborah R. Kearns, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

The need for the Board to hire and pay for an independent consultant to assist the PPT in the development and implementation of an appropriate IEP to be implemented in regular classes in the school system.

**SUMMARY:**

The matter was assigned on October 24, 2000. At a prehearing conference on October 31, 2000, the following hearing dates were scheduled: November 7, 2000, November 15, 2000, December 1, 2000 December 13, 2000, December 15, 2000, January 3, 2001, January 4, 2001, and January 9, 2001. The hearing officer was informed on November 10, 2000 that counsel for the parents was no longer representing the parents. The parent made no attempt to contact the hearing officer. The hearing scheduled for November 7, 2000 was postponed. On November 15, 2000, the parent did not appear at the hearing. No testimony was presented.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **dismissed** without prejudice.