

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Norwalk Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the educational program offered by the Board is appropriate and, if not, whether the program should include any of the following components:
 - a. an independent behavioral/educational consultant to write programs, manage the IEP and train the staff;
 - b. speech therapy with Kathy Sinclair five days a week for a certain amount of time each day;
 - c. a full-time 30.25 hour per week educational program;
 - d. placement in general education classes with supplemental aids and supports;
 - e. occupational therapy twice a week for a certain amount of time each session;
 - f. implementation of a 12/31/99 assistive technology evaluation by Judith Sweeney.
2. Whether the student is entitled to an independent educational evaluation by Dr. Joan Nicoll-Senft.
3. Whether the parents are entitled to reimbursement for home programming from 6/26/96 to 9/1/98.

SUMMARY:

The matter was assigned on March 15, 2001. The prehearing conference was held on March 20, 2001. The hearing convened on April 11, April 12, April 19, April 23 and April 30. At the April 30th hearing, the parents' counsel and the Board's counsel reported that the matter had been settled. The parents were canvassed as to whether they knowingly and voluntarily entered into the settlement agreement.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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