

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. West Hartford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

Whether the Board provided an appropriate program for the Student for the 2002-2003 school year.

If not, whether the Parents' program provided by FOCUS is appropriate.

Whether the Board is responsible for the costs for the FOCUS program for the 2002-2003 school year.

Whether the Board's program for the student for the 2003-2004 school year is appropriate.

If not, whether the Parents' program at Riverview School is appropriate.

Whether the Board is responsible for the costs of Riverview School for the 2003-2004 school year.

The matter was assigned on September 12, 2003, and a prehearing conference was held on September 18.

The hearing convened on October 16, at which time the Parents' attorney and Board's attorney were afforded time to attempt to settle the case. After substantial settlement discussions, the attorneys for both parties reported that the matter was essentially settled. The attorneys for the parties jointly requested a postponement of the scheduled October 20 hearing date to effectuate the settlement. The request was granted, and a hearing date of November 4 was scheduled.

At the November 4 hearing date, Glenn McGrath, the Board's director of pupil services, reported that the settlement agreement was finalized and now signed by both parties.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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