

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Gail K. Mangs, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on September 25, 2003. The prehearing conference was convened on October 1, 2003. A hearing date was set for November 18, 2003. Unsuccessful mediation was held on October 15, 2003. The parents requested, and were granted, an extension of the final decision date until December 22, 2003. On November 12, 2003, the parents notified the hearing officer that the parties had agreed to proceed with an independent evaluation of the student and requested a postponement of the November 18, 2003 hearing date. The request was granted; a new hearing date was set for January 5, 2004 and the final decision date was extended to January 16, 2004. On December 4, 2003, the parents notified the hearing officer that the evaluation would not occur until the spring of 2004; they requested that the hearing officer retain jurisdiction until the evaluation was completed. The hearing officer informed the parties that if the parties were not prepared to go forward on January 5, 2004, then the hearing would be dismissed without prejudice. The parents responded that they were not prepared to go forward on January 5 and requested that the hearing be dismissed without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

This hearing is dismissed without prejudice.