

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Fairfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: The Parent proceeded *pro se*.

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Michelle C. Laubin
Attorney Marsha Belman Moses
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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY:

The matter was assigned on October 10, 2003. A prehearing conference was scheduled for October 17. On the day before the prehearing conference, the Parent left a voice mail message for the undersigned hearing officer which indicated that she did not want to proceed with the hearing at this time. No Notice to Withdraw the case was received prior to the prehearing, and the voice mail message was inappropriate *ex parte* communication. At the prehearing conference, Attorney Laubin was present for the Board, but the Parent was not available. Attorney Laubin reported that the Parent had not contacted the Board regarding the status of the prehearing or the Parent's intention to withdraw the case. Based on the Parent's voice mail message, and her failure to be available for the scheduled prehearing conference, this matter is dismissed, without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.