

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. West Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This hearing was requested on April 19, 2004. This hearing officer was assigned to the case on that date. A prehearing conference was held on April 28. The Parties requested a thirty-day extension of the decision deadline so that they could mediate the case. The request was granted and the decision deadline was extended to July 10. Hearing dates were agreed on for June 17 and 30. On June 10 the Parties requested a postponement of the June 17 hearing date so that they could schedule an advisory hearing on the case. This request was granted and the time for filing exhibits and witness lists was extended to June 23. On June 25 the Parties requested a postponement of the June 30 hearing because the advisory hearing could not be scheduled until July 15. The request was granted on June 28, a hearing was scheduled for July 29 and the decision deadline was extended to August 10, 2004. On July 12, the Parents' attorney wrote to the Hearing Officer: "due to personal reasons, the family has asked that we withdraw our request for due process without prejudice." On July 13, the SDE wrote to the Hearing Officer that the Parents had withdrawn from the advisory hearing process and to proceed with the hearing.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed without prejudice.