

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Whether the Parents are entitled to reimbursement for the ABA services provided to the Student for the 2003-2004 school year.

SUMMARY:

The matter was assigned on May 28, and a prehearing conference was held on June 4. At the prehearing, counsel for both parties confirmed that the parties were attempting to settle this matter by submitting this case to an advisory opinion proceeding. The attorney for the Parents submitted a request for an extension of the mailing date of the decision so that the parties could participate in the advisory opinion proceeding. That request was granted in accordance with Section 10-76h-9(e) of the Connecticut Regulations which provides for a 30-day postponement for settlement discussions between the parties.

On July 16, the attorney for the Parents submitted a notice that the parties are continuing to discuss settlement options after concluding the advisory opinion process, and would not proceed with the scheduled hearing on July 22. In accordance with Section 10-76h-9(e) of the Connecticut Regulations, if the parties are not prepared to go forward with the hearing, the hearing officer shall dismiss the hearing request without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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