

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Suffield Board of Education

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Appearing on behalf of the Board: Dr. Anne C. Loughrain
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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer FAPE to the Student in its proposed program and placement at the public high school for the 2004-05 school year?
2. If not, is the Student's continued residential placement at the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in New Hampshire for the 2004-05 school year appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Parents requested this hearing on June 1, 2004. This hearing officer was assigned to the case on the same date. A prehearing conference was held on June 10. At that time, Dr. Loughrain advised the Hearing Officer that an attorney would not represent the Board and that she would represent the Board. Hearing dates were agreed on for July 8 and 19 and the decision deadline was extended to July 30. Parties were ordered to file exhibits and witness lists by July 1, which they did. On July 8, the hearing convened with both parties present. The parties requested and were granted time to discuss a possible settlement of the case. The parties advised the Hearing Officer that an agreement was reached. The Parents' attorney suggested a postponement in order to complete the agreement. The Hearing Officer granted the parties further time to complete and sign the

agreement, which was reported as accomplished. The hearing was then convened on the record and both parties stated that the case was settled. The Parents' attorney requested a dismissal with prejudice.

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It is ordered that the case be dismissed with prejudice.