

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Vocational-Technical School System

Appearing for the Student: *Pro Se* (Maternal Grandmother)

Appearing for the Board: Laura Anastasio, Esq.  
State of Connecticut  
Department of Education  
P.O. Box 2219 – Room 308  
Hartford, CT 06145-2219

Appearing Before: Scott P. Myers, J.D., M.A. (Clinical Psychology),  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION**

This proceeding was commenced on September 23, 2004 by the Student's mother to challenge a determination regarding the Student's special education program at a September 17, 2004 Planning & Placement Team meeting. The Student is 14.5 years old. By agreement of the parties, the Student was represented at all points in this hearing process by his maternal grandmother (the "Grandmother"). A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on October 5, 2004. The grandmother and counsel for the Board participated. Both parties expressed an interest in attempting to resolve their dispute through mediation. A procedural order was entered, establishing a November 2, 2004 second pre-hearing conference and November 5, 2004 hearing date should the mediation be unsuccessful. The November 8, 2004 date for issuance of a final decision and order was not changed. On November 1, 2004, the Hearing Officer was advised that the parties had resolved their dispute through mediation and that this request for hearing was being withdrawn. This matter is dismissed.