

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY:

This matter was assigned on November 24, 2004, and a prehearing conference was held on December 2. On December 17, the attorney for the Parents submitted a request for an extension of the mailing date of the decision so that the parties could attempt to settle the matter. 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 January 19, the attorney for the Parents submitted a notice that the parents have determined that the proceeding against the Board is premature. 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.