

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford 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 December 17, and a prehearing conference was held on December 23. On December 23, 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 through mediation. 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. The first hearing date was scheduled for February 10.

On January 31, the Board's attorney submitted a request for postponement of the hearing so that the mediation could take place on the scheduled hearing date of February 10. The request was denied in accordance with the regulations, which provides that the hearing officer shall not have authority to grant any further postponements or extensions. On February 3, the attorney for the Parents submitted a notice that the parties were not prepared to go forward with the scheduled hearing date. 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.