

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

The prehearing in this matter was conducted on March 7, 2006. Both parties participated and hearing dates that were agreed to were selected. The issues in dispute were a failure to properly evaluate and a failure to provide FAPE for the 2005-2006 school year. The date for mailing of the final decision was set by agreement at May 28, 2006. The parties indicated they were going to pursue mediation and the hearing dates were selected to allow time for that to occur. Prior to the first day of hearing the Student advised that the parents were hopeful the matter would be resolved through mediation and were withdrawing their due process request to pursue only mediation, and thereby permit greater flexibility in scheduling.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The hearing is dismissed without prejudice.