

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional School District No. 9

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

Are the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and placement offered by the Board appropriate to Student's special education needs in the least restrictive environment?

If not, is placement at Aspen Ranch appropriate to Student's special education needs?

Is the Board responsible for funding Student's placement at Aspen Ranch?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on March 6, 2006. After a prior hearing officer had held a pre-hearing conference, scheduled several hearing sessions, and postponed the first one (April 6, 2006), she recused herself and this hearing officer was appointed on April 19, 2006. When the hearing was about to convene on April 25, 2006, the parties asked for some time to attempt a settlement, and after three hours, settlement was reached. On the record, the parties reported that settlement had been reached and that the Parents' request for hearing was being withdrawn.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The request for hearing having been withdrawn and the dispute having been settled, this matter is DISMISSED.