

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Appearing before: Attorney Deborah R. Kearns, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES**

- I. Whether the local educational agency provides the child with a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The parent through counsel requested a due process hearing. After attempts to settle the matter, the parties proceeded to hearing. On the second day of hearing the parties requested leave to pursue settlement discussions once again. The date for final decision was extended on the record to September 15, 2006, to accommodate additional dates for hearing. On August 15, 2006 the parties reported they reached final settlement, the record closed on August 15, 2006. The parties request the dismissal decision be reissued to reflect their agreement that the matter be dismissed without prejudice. The matter was resolved in less than 45 days plus the extensions.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

1. The case is dismissed without prejudice.