

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

Whether the Board's evaluation of the Student was appropriate.

Whether the Board offered the Student an appropriate program for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.

Whether the Parents' evaluation of the Student was appropriate and shall be reimbursed.

Whether the Parents' placement of the Student at CCCD for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years is appropriate, and whether they shall be reimbursed.

**SUMMARY:**

The Board received this request for hearing on July 28, and a prehearing conference was held on August 8. At the prehearing conference, dates for the hearing were scheduled for late September and October 2006.

On August 31, the Parents' attorney submitted a notice regarding the case. The Parents' attorney indicated that the Board had requested permission to observe the Student at CCCD, and to discuss the Student's program with the CCCD staff. Based on the pending observation, the Parents' attorney indicated that the Parents want to await the results of the Board's observation rather than proceeding with the hearing at this time.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.