

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Atty. Nora A. Belanger, Law Office of Nora A. Belanger, L.L.C., 10 Wall Street, Norwalk, CT 06850

Appearing on behalf of the Greenwich Board of Education: Attys. Susan C. Freedman and Andreana Bellach, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This hearing was requested on October 2, 2006 by letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board received the hearing request on the same date. This hearing officer was assigned to the case on October 3. On October 6, Attys. Freedman and Bellach appeared for the Board and filed a Motion to Strike the due process request. On October 10 the Board's attorneys filed a Motion to Dismiss the claims under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the No Child Left Behind Act. On October 11 the Parents' attorney filed an Objection to the Motion to Strike. On October 13 the Parents' attorney filed an Objection to the Motion to Dismiss. A prehearing conference was held on October 17. The attorneys advised the Hearing Officer that mediation was scheduled on October 24. The Parents' attorney agreed to file an amended hearing request on October 27 if the parties did not reach a settlement at mediation. The Board's attorneys were allowed to file motions directed to the amended complaint. No decision was issued on the Board's motions. The decision deadline was set at December 18, 2006. Hearing dates were agreed on for November 16 and December 4. On October 25 the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the parties reached a settlement of all claims on October 24. On October 31, the Parents' attorney wrote to the Hearing Officer that the hearing request was withdrawn with prejudice.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed with prejudice.