

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Newtown 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 Newtown Board of Education: Atty. Michelle C. Laubin, Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., 75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This hearing was requested on November 20, 2006 by letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). On November 21, the Parents' attorney filed a substitute page of the six-page complaint. The Board's attorney received the hearing request on November 22. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on November 24. On November 30 the Parents' attorney filed a modified due process request with consent of the Board's attorney. A prehearing conference was held on December 11. The attorneys advised the Hearing Officer that they had agreed to mediation. The decision deadline was set at February 5, 2007. Hearing dates were agreed on for January 22 and 25. On January 10, the Board's attorney sent a letter to the Hearing Officer reporting that the parties settled the case and that the Parents had withdrawn the due process request with prejudice. On January 11 the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the parties reached an agreement on January 9 and had withdrawn the hearing request with prejudice. On January 17 the Board's attorney sent a second letter requesting that the hearing dates be cancelled and that the case be dismissed. On January 18 the Hearing Officer sent the parties a letter advising them that the hearing dates were cancelled and that an order would be issued dismissing the case with prejudice.

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