

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Manchester Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Mother pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Manchester Board of Education: Atty. Linda L. Yoder,  
Shipman & Goodwin LLP, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Parent (Mother) filed a due process hearing request with the State Department of Education (SDE) on September 19, 2006. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on December 12, 2006. The Manchester Board of Education received the request on December 18, 2006. On December 20, Atty. Yoder appeared for the Board. A prehearing conference was held on January 5, 2007. The parties agreed on hearing dates for February 8 and 16. The decision deadline was set at March 5, 2007. On February 1 Atty. Yoder filed the Board's list of witnesses and Exhibits B-1 through B-98. The Parent did not file any witness list or exhibits. On February 8 the hearing convened. The Parent stated that she would prefer mediation rather than a formal hearing. There was a lengthy discussion off the record regarding whether the Parent wished to withdraw or postpone the hearing while the parties pursued mediation. The Parent also stated that she had not received a copy of the Board's exhibits. The Board's attorney offered the Parent a set of exhibits. The Parent was granted a 30-day postponement of the hearing, new hearing dates were agreed on for March 9 and 12, and the decision deadline was extended to April 5, 2007. On February 15 the SDE notified the Hearing Officer that mediation was scheduled on February 16. On February 16 the Hearing Officer was notified that the parties reached an agreement at the mediation and that the Parent would withdraw the hearing request. On March 7 the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the Parent had withdrawn the due process request.

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It is ordered that this case be dismissed.