

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Parent, *Pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Director of Special Education

Appearing before: Attorney Mary H.B. Gelfman
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

Parent requested this hearing on December 16, 2006, and the hearing officer was appointed on December 18, 2006. In general terms, the request for hearing stated several questions concerning Student's current Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the implementation of that IEP.

On December 18, 2006, the hearing officer sent out notice for a telephonic pre-hearing conference. Parent telephoned the hearing officer, stating that she didn't want a formal hearing; she wanted the State to investigate her son's IEP and the implementation of that IEP. The hearing officer responded that her problem sounded as though a complaint to the State Department of Education would be effective, and suggested that she telephone a specified person in the Due Process Unit.

After Parent discussed her problems with a State Department person, they agreed that a complaint would be appropriate. This decision was reported to the hearing officer. On December 21, 2006, the hearing officer sent out a memo delaying the holding of the pre-hearing conference.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Since this matter has been referred for investigation by the State Department of Education as a complaint, it is DISMISSED without prejudice as a hearing.

If the complaint process does not resolve the problem, Parent is free to request a hearing at any time.