

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing on behalf of the Ridgefield Board of Education: Atty. Marsha Belman Moses, 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**

The Parents filed a due process hearing request with the State Department of Education (SDE) and the Ridgefield Board of Education on February 6, 2007. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on February 7. A prehearing conference was held on February 21. At the prehearing conference the parties agreed to mediate and hearing dates were scheduled for March 29 and April 4 and 10. The decision deadline was set at April 23. On March 9 the Parents' attorney requested a postponement of the April 4 hearing date, which was granted. The Hearing Officer also changed the April 10 hearing date to April 9 and extended the decision deadline to May 3, 2007. On March 19, the Parents' attorney requested a postponement of the March 29 hearing date because the date was scheduled for mediation and of the April 9 hearing date because not all parties were available. The request was granted and the hearing was rescheduled for May 2. The decision deadline was extended to May 29, 2007. On March 30 the Hearing Officer was notified that the parties had not reached an agreement at the March 29 mediation and to proceed with the hearing. On April 25, the Board's attorney wrote to the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached a settlement and were in the process of drafting an agreement. She requested that the May 2 hearing be canceled. On April 26, the Hearing Officer advised the parties that the hearing was canceled and that the case would be dismissed.

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It is ordered that this case be dismissed.