

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Seymour Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Deborah R. Kearns, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES**

- I. Whether the local educational agency (LEA) provides a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment appropriate to meet the child's needs?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The parent requested a due process hearing on February 6, 2007. A prehearing conference convened on February 20, 2007, at the request of the parties the first day of hearing convened on March 26, 2007. On March 26, 2007 the parents requested leave to obtain counsel and the LEA requested the parent consider a resolution they offered; the parties agreed to extend the date for final decision on the record to June 11, 2007. On May 4, 2007 the parent through counsel requested the matter be dismissed without prejudice. The matter was resolved within all the statutory timelines as extended by requests of the parties.

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1. The case is dismissed without prejudice.