

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

**ISSUES:**

1. Was the program and related services offered by the Board for the 2006-2007 appropriate and provide the Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education according to 20 USC 1401 et seq?
2. Should the Board provide the Student with an independent evaluation at the Board's expense?
3. Did the Board commit procedural violations by failing to give notice of a change in the Student's IEP?
4. Did the Board commit procedural violations by failing to hold a PPT in a timely manner?
5. What is the Student's current stay put?
6. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the 2006-2007 school year?

**FINAL ORDER AND DECISION**

**SUMMARY:**

The Student is a 8 years and 5 month young boy who has been identified as Autistic and entitled to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting the Parents objected to the program being offered the Student for the 2006-2007 school year. The Parents requested a private placement for the Student. The Board denied the Parents' request and the Parents filed for a due process hearing.

On or about May 2, 2007, the Board received notice of the request for due process and on or about May 2, 2007 a hearing officer was appointed to hear the matter. At a May 11,

2007, pre-hearing conference, the parties agreed to a June 7 & June 15, 2007 hearing dates. The parties conducted a resolution session at which the parties were able to resolve the matter. The Board provided the Parents with an Albanian interpreter to assist them in the resolution session.

On or about June 5, 2007, the Parents e-mailed the hearing officer that the matter was resolved and the parties had signed the agreement. The Parents withdrew their request for due process with prejudice.

The date for the Final Decision and Order is July 16, 2007.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**