

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Atty. Robert A. Martinik, Jr., Nine Woods End Road, Darien, CT 06820

Appearing on behalf of the Stamford Board of Education: Atty. Andreana R. Bellach, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, 300 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT 06901

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Parents requested this hearing on June 7, 2007 by letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board of Education received a copy on June 11. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 7. Atty. Bellach filed an appearance for the Board on June 25. A prehearing conference was held on June 29. The mailing date for the final decision was set at August 27, 2007. The parties' attorneys agreed to seek a mediation date in late July. One hearing date was agreed on for September 5. On July 6, the Parents' attorney sent a letter requesting a 30-day extension of the mailing date of the final decision to accommodate the parties' vacation schedules, the scheduling of a mediation date and the September hearing date. The request was granted and the mailing date was extended to September 26.

On July 27, the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the mediation was scheduled on August 31. On August 20, the Board's attorney, with consent of the Parents' attorney, requested a postponement of the September 5 hearing date to allow time to prepare for the hearing if the case was not settled at the mediation. The postponement was granted, the hearing was rescheduled for September 20 and the mailing date of the final decision was extended to October 15. On September 4, the SDE notified the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached an agreement at the mediation. On September 4, the Parents' attorney wrote to the Hearing Officer and reported that the parties had reached an agreement and requested that the case be withdrawn with prejudice. The September 20 hearing was canceled.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed with prejudice.