

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stafford Board of Education

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**ISSUES:**

1. Was the program offered by the Board from September through December of the 2006-2007 school year appropriate and provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) according to 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401 et seq?
2. Should the Board provide the Student with compensatory education for the period from September through December of the 2006-2007 school year?

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student is a 20 years 10 month young man who has been identified as intellectually disabled and is 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 the June 5, 2007 PPT meeting, the Board offered to graduate the Student. The Parents refused the Board's request and requested compensatory education for the period of September to December 2006. The Board refused the Parents' request.

On or about July 27, 2007, the Board received notice of the Parents' request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on August 1, 2007 and a pre-hearing conference was held on August 16, 2007. Hearing date of September 27, 2007 was

chosen by the parties. On or about August 27, 2007 a mediation session was held by the parties.

As a result of the mediation, on or about August 29, 2007, the Parents' attorney sent a letter stating that the matter had been resolved and withdrawn with prejudice.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is October 11, 2007.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**