

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Atty. Jill F. Faber, Frishman & Faber, 83 South Bedford Road, Second Floor, Mount Kisco, NY 10549

Appearing on behalf of the Greenwich 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

ISSUES

1. Did the Board offer a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the Student for the 2007-08 school year as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. and Conn. Gen. Stats., Section 10-76a?
2. If the Student was not offered a FAPE, is the Board financially responsible for the Student's placement at the Bridges School for the 2007-08 school year?
3. Is the Board responsible for reimbursing the Parents for all expenses they incurred for related service providers after June 21, 2007?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Parents' attorney requested this hearing by mailing a letter to the Greenwich Director of Pupil Personnel Services, who received it on August 23. On September 7, the Board faxed a copy of the request to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on September 11. On September 21, a prehearing conference was held. The mailing date for the final decision was set at November 7, 2007. The parties had agreed to mediation and were expecting it to be scheduled in October. One hearing date was agreed on for November 9. On September 24, the Parents' attorney requested an extension of the mailing date for the final decision until December 3, which was granted with the Board attorney's consent. On October 31, the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the mediation did not go forward on October 15 and that the Board's attorney had advised that the matter was settled. On November 2, the Hearing Officer wrote to the attorneys and advised them that the hearing was canceled and that the case would be dismissed unless the Parents' attorney made a

request to proceed with the hearing. On November 2, the Parents' attorney telephoned the Hearing Officer and stated that the case was settled.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.