

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Atty. David C. Shaw, Law Offices of David C. Shaw, LLC, 34 Jerome Avenue, Suite 210, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Appearing on behalf of the Wilton 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 at the Planning and Placement Team meetings on June 12, 2006, October 3, 2006, October 19, 2006, December 19, 2006, May 23, 2007 and November 7, 2007 as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. and Conn. Gen. Stats., Section 10-76a?

2. Did the Board place the Student in regular classes with supplementary aids and services and modifications to the general curriculum as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1415(a)(5)(A) during the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Parents requested this hearing by faxing a Complaint to the State Department of Education ("SDE") and a copy to the Board's Superintendent of Schools on November 9, 2007. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on that date. On November 14, Atty. Bellach filed an appearance for the Board. On November 21, the Board's attorney filed a Motion to Strike/Sufficiency Challenge. On November 27, a prehearing conference was held with the attorneys for both parties. The parties waived a resolution meeting and agreed to mediation. Atty. Bellach asked the Hearing Officer to hold her motion in abeyance pending the outcome of mediation. Hearing dates were agreed on for December 18, 2007 and January 2, 2008. The mailing date for the final decision was set at January 23, 2008. On December 6, the Board's attorney requested on behalf of both parties a postponement of the December 18 hearing date so that they could use it for mediation. The request was granted, the hearing was scheduled to convene on January 2 and the mailing date for the final decision was extended to January 28, 2008. On

December 20, the SDE advised the Hearing Officer that the parties reached agreement on December 18 and that the Parents' attorney would advise her of the status of the hearing. On December 27, the Hearing Officer wrote to the attorneys and advised them that the hearing for January 2 was canceled and that the case would be dismissed. On December 27, the Parents' attorney confirmed that the case was settled.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.