

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Meriden Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Parent *pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Meriden Board of Education: Ms. Palma Vaccaro, Director Pupil Personnel Programs, 22 Liberty Street, Meriden, CT 06450

Appearing before: Attorney Elisabeth Borrino, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board properly exited the student from Special Education:
2. Whether the Board failed to hold a Manifestation Hearing.

SUMMARY:

The request for hearing, filed by the parent, was received on March 4, 2008, therefore, the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order is May 18, 2008. On March 11, 2008 the Hearing Officer issued Notice of the Prehearing Conference scheduling the date of March 19, 2008 and Ordered that both parties notify the Hearing Officer within five days via Fax what telephone number should be called for the Prehearing Conference. The parent failed to respond to the Order and no telephone number was provided. On March 17, 2008 the Hearing Officer issued an Order, again, directing the parent contact the Hearing Officer to provide a contact telephone number. The parent failed to respond to the March 17, 2008 Order. On March 19, 2008, the Prehearing Conference commenced by initiating the telephone conference with Ms. Vaccaro who also had no current telephone number for the parent. The Prehearing Conference was thereby continued to March 31, 2008. On March 24, 2008, the Hearing Officer also issued Notice of Intention to Dismiss for failure to respond and that the Request for Hearing would be dismissed if the parent failed to contact the Hearing Officer to provide such telephone number. The parent has failed to contact the Hearing Officer and has failed to respond to the March 11, 17, and 24, 2008 Notices and Orders.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.