

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Surrogate Parent, pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Bridgeport Board of Education: Atty. Susan C. Freedman,
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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 meeting on March 12, 2008 as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. and Conn. Gen. Stats., Section 10-76d?

2. Should the Board provide the Student with an IEP that places him in a therapeutic day program?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Surrogate Parent requested this hearing by mailing a letter and request for a due process hearing to the Board's Director of Planning and Placement and a copy to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board and the SDE received the letter and request on March 19. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on March 20. On March 26, the Surrogate Parent wrote to the Hearing Officer that she had a "two-week temporary agreement" with the Board and that she would notify the Hearing Officer if she wanted to reconvene the hearing. A prehearing conference was held on March 28, 2008 with the Surrogate Parent and the Board's attorney. A hearing date was agreed on for May 12. The mailing date for the final decision was set at June 2, 2008. The Surrogate Parent and Board's attorney were advised that if the parties reached a settlement, the Surrogate Parent should send a letter to the Hearing Officer requesting a withdrawal and the case would be dismissed.

On April 30, the Surrogate Parent sent the Hearing Officer a withdrawal of the hearing request. On May 1, the Hearing Officer advised the parties that the May 12 hearing was canceled and that the case would be dismissed.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.