

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Canaan Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Is the criteria used by the Board to measure the Student's progress in his IEP goals and objectives appropriate?
2. Should the Board continue the services of the independent consultant for the Student's 2008-2009 school year?

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is an 8 years old young man who has been identified as a student requiring special education and related services and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. The Student's Parents, at an IEP meeting, rejected the Board's assessments of the Student and the ending of the services of the independent consultant. The Parents requested the continued use of the independent consultant for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board rejected the Parents' request.

On or about May 20, 2008 the Board received notice from the Parents of their request for due process. On or about May 19, 2008 an impartial special education Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the matter. A pre-hearing conference was held on May 30, 2008. The hearing officer received notice that an agreement had been reached and a hearing was not required.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is August 25, 2008.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS WITHDRAWN WITH PREJUDICE.