

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing on behalf of the Hartford Board of Education: Atty. Melinda B. Kaufmann, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Hartford, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES

1. Did the Board improperly delay the implementation of the Student's Individualized Education Program in accordance with the May 30, 2008 Planning and Placement Team meeting?

2. If so, should the Student be placed immediately in a small, structured therapeutic setting with psychiatric support and the capacity to investigate potential learning problems, as well as conduct medication trials and provide skilled behavioral, cognitive behavioral and family therapy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Parent's (Mother's) attorney requested this hearing on July 22, 2008 by faxing a letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board of Education and its attorney received a copy of the letter on July 28, 2008. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on that date. On August 11, 2008, a prehearing conference was held. The mailing date for the final decision was set at October 14, 2008. The Parties had agreed to placement of the Student in a new program at the start of school on August 25 and on an assessment of the Student on September 19, 2008. The Parent's attorney requested a 30-day extension of the mailing date for the final decision to November 14, 2008, which was granted. Hearing dates were agreed on for October 16, 2008 and 21, 2008. On October 15, 2008, the Parent's attorney wrote to the Hearing Officer that the Parties had reached an agreement, that the request for hearing was withdrawn and that the scheduled hearings would not be necessary. The hearing dates were canceled.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.