

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Guilford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Peter Murphy, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP,
One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board's proposed program for the 2008-09 school year is appropriate.
2. Whether the Student requires residential placement for the 2008-09 school year as proposed by the Parents.

SUMMARY:

The Parents submitted a request for hearing to the Board on August 8, and a pre-hearing conference convened on August 28. After the pre-hearing convened, the Parents submitted via facsimile a notice that they had just retained counsel and that the hearing request was premature.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.