

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Granby Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Should the Board provide the Student with an independent psychological evaluation as requested by the parents?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a 6 years and 5 month young boy who has been previously identified as Developmentally Delayed and is not entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting the parents were not in agreement with the evaluation performed by the Board of the Student, the Parents requested a psychological evaluation of the Student. The Board denied the Parents' request and the Board filed for due process.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on September 23, 2008 and a pre-hearing conference was held on September 29, 2008. Mediation was held on October 28, 2008 and a resolution of the matter was not attained. Hearing dates of November 5 & 6, 2008 was chosen by the parties.

In a letter dated October 28, 2008, the Parents' attorney requested that the November 5 & 6, 2008 hearing dates be postponed as the parties were in discussions in order to resolve the matter. A hearing date of November 17, 2008 was agreed to by the parties.

In an electronic communication dated November 17, 2008 the Board's attorney informed the hearing officer that the matter was settled and the hearing was withdrawn without prejudice.

At the request of the parties, in order to accommodate the filing of a final decision and order after the hearing dates, the date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was extended.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is December 13, 2008.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.