

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Attorney Josh Michtom
Center for Children's Advocacy
University of Connecticut School of Law
65 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, CT 06105

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

Appearing Before: Attorney Stacy M. Owens, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board failed to provide the Student a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") during the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Whether the Board failed to provide the Student FAPE during the 2008-2009 school year.
3. Whether the Board failed to implement the Student's individualized educational plan for the 2008-2009 school year.

SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

On December 8, 2008, the Hartford Board of Education ("the Board") and the State of Connecticut Department of Education received a request for hearing from the Parent. (H.O. Exh. 1)

On December 9, 2008, the undersigned was appointed as hearing officer to preside over the hearing, rule on all motions, determine findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue an order. (H.O. Exh. 2)

A prehearing conference convened on December 19, 2008. (H.O. Exh. 3) During the prehearing conference, Attorney Melinda Kaufmann appeared on behalf of the Board; Attorney Josh Michtom appeared on behalf of the Parent. The issues were confirmed and the hearing was scheduled for January 26, 2009. (H.O. Exh. 4)

By letter dated January 15, 2009, Attorney Michtom requested a postponement of the hearing and release of the decision to allow time for the parties to engage in mediation. (H.O. Exh. 5) Such request was granted and the hearing was rescheduled for March 5, 2009. (H.O. Exhs. 6, 7)

By letter dated February 27, 2009, Attorney Michtom indicated that the parties reached an agreement and submitted a written withdrawal on behalf of the Parent and the Student. (H.O. Exh. 8)

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

As such, and based on the foregoing, this matter is **dismissed**.