

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Branford Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Mother, pro se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board: Attorney Marsha Belman Moses  
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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Student eligible for special education services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act?
2. If so, does the Student require placement in an out-of-district therapeutic day placement such as Cedarhurst School?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Parent (Mother) requested this hearing by faxing a request for a due process hearing dated February 21, 2009 to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board received the request on March 3, 2009. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on March 6, 2009. On March 16, 2009, a prehearing conference was held. The mailing date for the final decision was set at May 18, 2009. Hearing dates were agreed on for April 24, 2009 and April 30, 2009. On April 4, 2009, the Parent requested a withdrawal without prejudice based on an eight-week agreement with the Board, which the parties will reevaluate at the end of that time. The hearing dates were canceled.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed without prejudice.