

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Haven Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Surrogate Parent, Pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Marsha Moses, P.C.  
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Appearing before: Attorney Deborah R. Kearns, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Whether additional evaluations are required to develop an appropriate special education program for the Student?
2. Whether the Student requires additional speech therapy to have an appropriate special education program?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The surrogate parent filed a request for due process after the parties failed to agree on the needs of the Student at a PPT meeting. The letter requesting the Due Process hearing is dated March 5, 2009. The matter was assigned to the hearing officer on March 23, 2009. At a prehearing conference on April 10, 2009, the parties requested a thirty day continuance to pursue Mediation. The parties agreed to hold the first day of hearing on May 29, 2009. The parties scheduled mediation on May 21, 2009. The parties were able to reach an agreement in mediation. The parties request the matter be dismissed with prejudice. The matter was resolved within forty-five days, as extended, to allow time to mediate the matter.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is dismissed with prejudice.