

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board deny the Student a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) from March 2007 through the end of the 2006-2007 school year?
2. Did the Board deny the Student a FAPE for the 2007 extended school year (“ESY”)?
3. Did the Board deny the Student a FAPE for the 2007-2008 school year?
4. Did the Board deny the Student a FAPE for the 2008 ESY?
5. Did the Board deny the Student a FAPE for the 2008-2009 school year?
6. If so, should the Parent be awarded compensatory education to include direct one to one ABA hours, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy?
7. Should the Board be required to provide a psychological evaluation by Dr. Powers, a speech and language evaluation by Dr. Nancy Schwartz and an occupational therapy evaluation by Pediatric Therapy Associates all at the Board’s expense?
8. Should the Board be required to provide the compensatory education services at an outside agency such as the Connecticut Center for Children’s Development (“CCCD”) or, alternatively to provide supervision of services as well as IEP formation by CCCD or an equivalent independent provider?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Parents' attorney requested this hearing by mailing a letter dated March 23, 2009 to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The Board of Education received a copy of the letter on March 25, 2009. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on April 2, 2009. On April 6, 2009, the Board's attorney filed an appearance. On April 14, 2009, a prehearing conference was held. The mailing date for the final decision was set at June 9, 2008. The Parties had agreed to mediation, but no date had been set. Hearing dates were agreed on for May 14, 2009 and May 28, 2009 and June 3, 2009. On April 17, 2009, the SDE notified the Hearing Officer that mediation was scheduled on May 14, 2009. On April 21, 2009, the Parents' attorney requested an extension of the June 9, 2009 mailing date for the final decision until June 26, 2009 so that the Parties could mediate, which was granted. Hearings were scheduled for May 28, 2009 and June 3, 2009 and the mailing date for the final decision was extended to June 26, 2009. On May 15, 2009, the Parents' attorney notified the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached an agreement through mediation and that the hearing request could be dismissed with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed with prejudice.