

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. North Haven Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board: Attorney Linda L. Yoder
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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Is the program offered by the Board for the 2008-2009 school year appropriate and did it provide the Student with a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a young man who is has been identified as autistic and 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 Parent requested a paraprofessional be provided to the Student at the Board’s expense. The Board denied the Parent’s request and the Parent filed for due process.

On or about April 15, 2009 the Board received notice of the Parent’s request for due process. The resolution meeting was held by the parties.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on April 15, 2009 and a pre-hearing conference was held on April 29, 2009.

In a letter from the Parent the hearing officer was informed that the Parent was requesting a withdrawal of the matter without prejudice. The withdrawal without prejudice is granted.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is June 11, 2009.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.