

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before: A Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Should the Board have identified the Student's need for aquatic physical therapy as an educational need and included it as part of his Individualized Education Program?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Parent (Mother) requested this hearing by mailing a letter dated May 29, 2009 to the Board of Education. The State Department of Education received a copy of the letter on June 18, 2009. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 24, 2009. A prehearing conference was scheduled for July 13, 2009. On July 7, 2009, the Board's attorney filed an appearance and requested that the prehearing conference be rescheduled to July 16, 2009 which was granted. On July 13, 2009, the Parents' attorney filed an appearance and stated that the hearing request was withdrawn without prejudice in order to obtain and review the Student's records and attempt an amicable resolution. The mailing date for the final decision is August 31, 2009.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

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