

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v, Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Student require transportation as a related service? If so;
2. Should the Board reimburse the Parent for the cost she incurred transporting the Student to and from school?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified as Other Health Impaired-ADD/ADHD and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute 10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parent requested transportation as a related service. The Board refused the Parent's request and the Parent filed for due process.

The Board received notice of the Parent's request for due process on January 17, 2017. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on January 20, 2017. A pre-hearing conference by conference telephone was held on Thursday, January 27, 2017 at 4:30 pm and again on January 31, 2017 at 12:00 pm. The Parent was not present at either conference. A hearing date of March 2, 2017 was scheduled. Notice was sent to the Parent of the hearing date by the hearing officer and the Board's attorney.

On February 9, 2017, The Board filed a Motion to Dismiss. The Motion to Dismiss was sent to the Parent by Federal Express and was heard at the March 2, 2017 hearing date. The Parent did not appear for the March 2, 2017 hearing. The matter was dismissed for failure to prosecute. The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is April 5, 2017.

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THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.