

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education and Capital Region Educational Council

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the program offered by the District appropriate and did it provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If so;
2. Should the Student continue with his placement at the Capital Regional Education Council (CREC) Aerospace Engineering Academy?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment 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 disagreed with program offered by the District for the 2017-2018 school year and requested that the Student continue his placement at the Aerospace Engineering Academy. The District refused the Parent's request. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on April 26, 2017, and a pre-hearing conference was held on June 9, 2017. A hearing date of August 29, 2017 was chosen.

In an electronic transmission, the Hartford District impleaded CREC's Aerospace Engineering Academy as a necessary party. At the August 29, 2017 hearing date, neither CREC nor the Parent objected to including the Aerospace Engineering Academy as a necessary party. The parties then resolved the matter and the Parent withdrew her request for due process with prejudice. The mailing date of the Final Decision and Order was extended to September 7, 2017 to accommodate the hearing date.

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THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.