

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Connecticut Technical High School Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the CTHSS implement the recommendations of the assessments agreed upon in the settlement agreement?
2. If not, should the Student be placed at the Asperger Syndrome Adult Treatment (ASAT) program at Chapel Hill for two consecutive twelve-month school years beginning on or about July 1, 2017?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student initiated this special education due process case on April 28, 2017. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on May 14, 2017. A Prehearing Conference was convened on May 22, 2017. Attorney Melanie Dunn appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christine Chinni appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case was July 11, 2017. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for June 20, 2017.

The evidentiary hearing was convened on June 20, 2017. At that time, the parties reported that they were working on a settlement of the case. They requested that the hearing be postponed and new hearings scheduled for July 6, 2017 and July 14, 2017. Subsequently, each of these hearing dates were cancelled and the deadline for filing the final decision was extended to August 10, 2017 to allow the parties to finalize their settlement. On July 24, 2017, the Student reported that the settlement agreement had been executed and requested that the matter be withdrawn or dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request is granted and the matter is dismissed with prejudice.