

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New London Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the program offered by the District for the 2017-2018 school year appropriate and does it provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?

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 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 did not agree with program offered by the District for the 2017-2018 school year. The Parent requested that the Student's program have an increase of services and a provider that would provide one on one services in implementing the IEP. The Board refused the Parent's request.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on July 26, 2017, and a pre-hearing conference was held on August 3, 2017. The parties attended resolution session. The Student is over the age of

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eighteen. The Surrogate's attorney provided a Probate Court Order appointing a conservator of the person.

In an electronic transmission, the parties advised the hearing officer that the matter was resolved but needed to memorialize the agreement. The parties agreed to withdraw the matter without prejudice.

The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is October 6, 2017.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.