

May 7, 2012

Final Decision and Order 12-0289

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Whether the Board failed to implement the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) recommendations in a timely fashion; and
2. If the Board did fail to implement the PPT recommendations, has the Student been denied a Free Appropriate Public Education as a result.

**SUMMARY:**

On February 14, 2012 the Hartford Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. The undersigned hearing officer was appointed on February 16, 2012. On February 28, 2012 a prehearing conference was held and hearing dates were set. On March 9, 2012, Attorney for the Parent requested a 30 day extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision and Order, which was granted and a new mailing date of May 29, 2012 was set. On May 4, 2012, Counsel for the Parents withdrew the hearing request with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed with prejudice.