

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

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. Is Student eligible for special education?
2. If so, what are an appropriate Individualized Education Program and placement for her?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on June 5, 2006, and the hearing officer was appointed the same day. A pre-hearing conference by conference telephone call was held on June 20, 2006. The parties planned to seek mediation. In the event that mediation might not succeed, the hearing was scheduled for August 1, 2006. The deadline for mailing the final decision and order was set for August 19, 2006.

On August 1, the Parent contacted the Due Process Unit asking that the hearing be postponed because of a health problem. The hearing was re-scheduled for September 7, 2006. The deadline for mailing the final decision and order was extended from August 19 to September 18, 2006.

On September 7, Parent telephoned the Director of Special Education for the Board, again requesting a postponement. The conversation included a review of the issues in dispute, and the Director later reported to the hearing officer that all current issues had been resolved and that the request for hearing was being withdrawn.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Because the request for hearing has been withdrawn, this case is DISMISSED without prejudice.

NOTE:

It is the hearing officer's understanding that this dispute has been settled. "Dismissal without prejudice" means that if Parent decides to request another hearing at some future date, she may do so.