

December 20, 2018

Final Decision and Order 19-0246

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Branford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

Parent, pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing Before:

Attorney Susan Dixon
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Has the Student been properly and adequately identified as to appropriate special education services for him?
2. Is the Board denying Student a Free and Appropriate Public Education by failing to properly assess Student's needs in the proposed Individualized Educational Program ("IEP") and to provide an appropriate program to address those needs?
3. Is the amount of Special Education Services (11 hours in four days) proposed by the Board sufficient to adequately meet the Student's needs?
4. Should the Student be placed in the ACES Integrated Preschool as a Special Education Student with an IEP that provides 2 hours of speech therapy per week and 1 hour of discrete trial instruction per week?
5. Should the Student be provided with compensatory speech and DTI services from his 3rd birthday forward until the resolution of this matter?

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

The Parent of the Student filed this Request for a Due Process Hearing on November 19, 2018. The Hearing Officer was assigned on November 20, 2018. A Prehearing Conference was scheduled, and held on November 27, 2018. The parties agreed on a hearing date of January 7, 2019, and a date for mailing the final decision set to be February 1, 2019. On December 20, 2018, the Parent notified the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached an agreement and she requested to withdraw the case without prejudice. The Board's attorney notified the Hearing Officer there was no objection to Parent's request.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The case is DISMISSED without prejudice.