STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Newington Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PARENTS' ISSUES:

- 1. Whether the Board has failed to provide an appropriate program for the Student from kindergarten to present.
- 2. Whether the Board's program for the Student for the extended school year 2002 was appropriate.
- 3. Whether the Board's program for the Student for the 2002-2003 school year and extended school year 2003 was appropriate.
- 4. Whether the Board's program for the Student for the 2003-2004 school year and extended school year 2004 was appropriate.
- 5. Whether the Board's proposed program for the Student for the 2004-2005 school year is appropriate.
- 6. If not, whether the Parents' placement of the Student at the Foundation School is appropriate.
- 7. Whether the Student is entitled to compensatory education.
- 8. Whether the Parents are entitled to reimbursement for independent evaluations.

BOARD'S ISSUE:

Whether the Parents' refusal to consent to a comprehensive evaluation with the following components: psychological, speech, psychiatric shall be overridden.

SUMMARY:

This matter was assigned on August 2. A prehearing conference was held on August 5. The hearing convened on September 7. At the hearing on September 7, the parties reported on the record that they had tentatively settled the matter. The hearing was continued to September 22. On September 14, the Parents' attorney submitted a notice that the settlement was finalized.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.