

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Norwich Board of Education

On behalf of the Parents:

Mother, *Pro Se*

On behalf of the Board of Education:

**Attorney Linda Yoder
Shipman & Goodwin, LLP
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103-1919**

Hearing Officer:

Stacy M. Owens, Esq.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE

1. Whether the Board properly implemented the Student's individualized educational program ("IEP"), and provided the Student a free and appropriate education to meet the Student's special needs.

SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 8, 2008, the Norwich Board of Education ("the Board") and the State of Connecticut Department of Education received a request for hearing from the Parent. (H.O. Exh. 1)

On October 8, 2008, the undersigned was appointed as hearing officer to preside over the hearing, rule on all motions, determine findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue an order. (H.O. Exh. 2)

A prehearing conference was convened on October 31, 2008. During the prehearing conference, Attorney Linda L. Yoder appeared on behalf of the Board; the Parent appeared *pro se*. The issues were confirmed and the hearing was scheduled for November 20 and 21, 2008. (H.O. Exh. 3)

On November 4, 2008, the parties engaged in mediation. By letter dated November 12, 2008, the Parent indicated that the parties reached an agreement and submitted a written withdrawal and request for dismissal of the case. (H.O. Exh. 4)

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

As such, and based on the foregoing this matter is **dismissed without prejudice.**