

July 21, 2011

Final Decision and Order 11-0517

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

Whether the Student's conduct which resulted in the pending disciplinary action was caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the Student's disability, or whether the conduct in question was the direct result of the Board's failure to implement the IEP.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/DISCUSSION:**

This request for hearing was received by the Board on June 15, 2011 and a prehearing conference convened on July 11, 2011. After the prehearing conference and prior to the scheduled hearing date for this expedited hearing, the Parent's attorney submitted notification that the parties had reached a written agreement, and that the Parent and legal guardian of the Student was withdrawing her request for hearing. Therefore, this matter is dismissed, without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.