

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stratford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

Parents, *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. Is the Student presently eligible for special education services and, if so, are they now being provided to him?
2. Is the Stratford Board of Education (“Board”) denying Student a Free and Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) by exiting him from Special Education Services?
3. Should the Board have provided an Independent Educational Evaluation to Student in the areas of speech and language?
4. Should the Board have provided Student evaluations for physical therapy and occupational therapy?

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

The Student filed this Request for a Due Process Hearing on November 14, 2019. The Hearing Officer was assigned on November 15, 2019. A Prehearing Conference was scheduled and held on November 25, 2020. A hearing date of January 7, 2020 was set and the date for mailing the final decision was determined to be January 29, 2020. The parties expressed their intention to engage in a resolution conference and mediation. The parties moved for an extension of dates, due to continuing mediation efforts, which was granted. The hearing date was moved to February 12, 2020, with a mailing date for the final decision of February 28, 2020. The Parents notified the Hearing Officer on January 29, 2020 that a settlement had been reached and they were withdrawing this case with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The case is DISMISSED with prejudice.