

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Meriden Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents:

Parent, pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

- 1) Did the Board fail to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) for the 2018-2019 and 2019-20 school year by failing to address Student's unique and individual needs in his Individualized Educational Plan and/or its subsequent revisions ?
- 2) Did the Board fail to provide a FAPE to Student by failing to provide appropriate special education assistance to Student and provide properly qualified instructors in the area of mathematics?
- 3) Did the Board fail to provide Student with a FAPE by failing to implement the recommendations agreed to in the January 2, 2020 PPT?
- 4) Should the Board be required to place Student at Platt High School and Wilcox Tech until the 2020-2021 academic year and provide additional vocational training at its expense until the Student graduates from the technical school?
- 5) Should the Board be required to provide Student with compensatory education and if so, in what form should it take?

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

The Student filed this Request for a Due Process Hearing on March 11, 2020. The Hearing Officer was assigned on March 12, 2020. A Prehearing Conference was held on March 17, 2020, and hearing date was set for May 12, 2020 with a date for mailing the final decision of May 22, 2020. A Sufficiency Challenge was made and sustained on April 21, 2020 and the issues were revised. The parties engaged in mediation. Another extension was requested and granted due to the ongoing negotiations and the statewide closing of district facilities. The hearing date was reset for June 30, 2020 with the decision date of July 27, 2020. The hearing date was moved again by agreement to July 21, 2020, and also moved the decision date to August 20, 2020. On July 17, 2020, Counsel for the Board reported that the matter had been settled to the satisfaction of all parties and the request for due process has been withdrawn. Accordingly, the matter is dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The case is DISMISSED.