

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Watertown Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing on behalf of the Parents:

Parents, *pro se*

Appearing Before:

Attorney Susan Dixon  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Evaluation of the Student proposed by the Board in its Due Process Request appropriate?
2. If so, should the Evaluation be conducted without the consent and cooperation of the Parents?

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:**

The Board filed this Request for a Due Process Hearing on September 4, 2020. The Hearing Officer was assigned on September 10, 2020. A Prehearing Conference was scheduled and held on September 17, 2020. At the conference, the final decision date for mailing was established as October 19, 2020. However, the parties indicated they wanted to attempt mediation prior to hearing. Due to scheduling delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, mediation could not be scheduled in time to hold a hearing and still meet the original decision date mailing date. Therefore the parties jointly requested a hearing date of November 16, 2020, and the decision mailing date of December 10, 2020, representing there would be no adverse effect on the Student and their Parents caused by such rescheduling. In the interim, counsel engaged in mediation and settlement discussions with the Parents, which resulted in an agreement. The Board's counsel thereafter notified the Hearing Officer on October 23, 2020 that a settlement had been reached and the Request was withdrawn without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The case is DISMISSED without prejudice.