

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Putnam Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Mother, pro se

Appearing on behalf of Putnam Board of Education: Attorney. Frederick L. Dorsey,  
Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell & Beck, P.C., 150 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Board filed a due process hearing request with the State Department of Education (SDE) on April 19, 2006 following unsuccessful efforts at resolution with the Parent (Mother). This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on that date. On April 28, a prehearing conference was scheduled for May 5. The prehearing notice to the Parent was returned to the Hearing Officer by the Post Office, which noted that the forwarding order had expired, but provided a post office box number. On May 1 another prehearing notice was mailed to the Parent at the post office box address. On May 2 the Board's attorney's assistant wrote to the Hearing Officer requesting a change in the prehearing conference to May 4. The Hearing Officer asked her to call the Parent to see if was convenient for her. On May 3 the Parent faxed a letter to the Hearing Officer stating that she was not available on May 4 and requested the prehearing to be scheduled on a Monday or Tuesday. The prehearing was rescheduled for Monday, May 8. At the prehearing conference the Board's attorney stated that the Student had been placed in an out-of-district placement by another school district, then moved to Putnam last year and was exited from special education. The issue in this hearing is eligibility for special education. The Mother stated that she was withdrawing the Student from the Putnam district and did not wish to pursue a hearing. She was asked to send a letter. On May 10 the Hearing Officer received a letter from the Parent indicating that the Student will not be attending Putnam High School, that she will be removing his school records from there and that she did not need due process. The decision deadline in this hearing is July 3, 2006.

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It is ordered that this case be dismissed.