

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Norwich Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Mother, pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Norwich Board of Education: Atty. Linda L. Yoder, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103-1919

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES

1. Did the Board offer a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the Student for the 2007-08 school year in a therapeutic day placement for a diagnostic evaluation as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. and Conn. Gen. Stats., Section 10-76a?

2. If not, should the Student be placed in regular education at his local high school as requested by the Parent?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Parents (Mother) requested this hearing by mailing a letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE"). The SDE received the letter on October 5. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on October 9. On October 19, a prehearing conference was scheduled, but the Mother did not answer her telephone and the Board's Director of Pupil Personnel Services was not available. The Board's attorney filed an appearance on October 19. The prehearing conference was rescheduled on October 23 with the Board's attorney and the Mother. The Board's attorney reported that the Board had not received a copy of the hearing request. The Mother was asked to mail a copy to the Board's attorney. Hearing dates were agreed on for November 26 and December 3. The mailing date for the final decision was set at December 19, 2007 based on the SDE's receipt of the hearing request. The date was to be adjusted after the Board's attorney received a copy from the Parent. On November 9, the Hearing Officer received a letter from the Parent stating that she had resolved the complaint at a resolution meeting on October 26 and wished to withdraw the due process request. On November 9, the

Hearing Officer canceled the hearing dates and advised the parties that the case would be dismissed.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.