

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary H.B. Gelfman, Hearing Officer

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

This hearing was requested on October 1, 2009, and the Hearing Officer was appointed on October 5, 2009. At a brief pre-hearing conference on November 24, 2009, it was agreed that the Parties would request mediation, and as requested, the Hearing Officer extended the decision date from December 15, 2009, to January 14, 2010. Mediation was scheduled for December 21, 2009, but was postponed to February 18, 2010.

**SUMMARY:**

In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 99, the following decision uses “Student”, “School”, “Parent”, and titles of school staff members and other witnesses in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

Section 10-76h-9 (e), Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, provides for one 30-day extension of the decision date to provide for settlement negotiations, which may include mediation. Because the Parties have provided no request for further extension of the decision date, which would have to include substantial reasons for a second extension, this matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.