

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Elisabeth Borrino, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board should reimburse the Parents for the unilateral placement at Villa Marie Educational Center for the 2009-2010 school year, together with transportation;
2. Whether the Board failed to offer the Student FAPE during the 2008-2009 school year;
3. Whether the Board failed to offer the Student FAPE during the summer of 2009;
4. Whether the Board failed to offer the Student FAPE for the 2009-2010 academic year;
5. Whether the Valla Maria Education Center is an appropriate placement for the Student for 2009-2010 school year;
6. Whether the Board is liable to the Parents for their cost incurred for providing supplemental educational services during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years, subject to the two year statute of limitations.

SUMMARY:

On December 21, 2009, the Board received the Request for Due Process. The Prehearing Conference was held on January 13, 2010 and the matter scheduled for hearing. On February 10, 2010, the Parents requested that the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order be extended, which was granted. On March 31, 2010, the Parents requested that the administrative hearing be continued and the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order be extended as the Parents were unavailable for the Hearing, which was granted. On April 13, 2010, Counsel notified the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached a settlement agreement, withdrew the Request for Due Process, and requested that the matter be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED with prejudice.**