

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Groton Board of Education

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Student was denied a free appropriate public education [FAPE] during the 2008-09 school year.
2. Whether the Student was denied FAPE during the 2009-10 school year prior to the Board's identification of the Student as a special education student.
3. Whether the Board failed to provide the Student with an appropriate program during the 2009-10 school year after he was found eligible for special education, in that the Student's writing level is several grades below his grade level, there are numerous gaps in his education and the Student has not been provided vocational training or work experience.
4. (a) Whether the Student is entitled to compensatory education and related services for a period of one year.
(b) Whether the Student is entitled to an additional second year of compensatory education and related services.
5. Whether the District's proposal to graduate the Student violated IDEA.
6. Whether the Board violated Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by failing to evaluate the Student prior to proposing graduating him.

SUMMARY:

The Board received this request for hearing on May 28, 2010, and prehearing conferences convened on June 11, 2010 and July 1, 2010. A subsequent motion to amend the hearing issues was granted. Prior to the first hearing date, the Student's attorney submitted a Motion to Withdraw the hearing request with prejudice. This matter is dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.