

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Middletown Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: *Pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Christine Chinni
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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board's proposed program for the Student for the 2010-11 school year is appropriate.
2. If not, whether the Student shall be placed in a specialized school for children with autism that meets the Student's behavioral objectives in a clinical setting.

SUMMARY:

The Board received this request for hearing on June 17, 2010 and prehearing conferences convened on June 28, 2010. At the prehearing conference, the Parent informed the hearing officer and the Board attorney that she did not want to proceed with the hearing, but wanted to proceed with mediation only. The Parent indicated that she would submit notification in writing via email, but that notification was not received. Based on the representations during the prehearing conference, it is found that the Parent solely wants to proceed with mediation and does not want to prosecute this action. This matter will be dismissed without prejudice so that the Parent can re-file if she does not resolve the issues in mediation.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.