

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

From the request for hearing, Parent asks for compensatory special education services due to delays in evaluating the Student, failure to identify the Student as in need of special education, failure to call a timely Planning and Placement Team meeting, and failure to provide an appropriate special education program and placement in the least restrictive environment for the Student.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on June 23, 2010, and this Hearing Officer was appointed on June 24, 2010. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for July 8, 2010. On July 6, 2010, the Hearing Officer received a letter from Parent's Attorney, withdrawing the request for hearing and enclosing a settlement agreement effective July 9, 2010.

All motions and objections not previously ruled upon, if any, are hereby overruled.

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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Section 10-76h, Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), and related regulations at Section 10-76h, Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, authorize an impartial hearing officer to conduct a special education hearing and to render a final decision in accordance with Sections 4-176e through 4-180a, inclusive, and Sections 4-181a of the C.G.S. Section 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f) and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 300.511 through § 300.520 also authorize special education hearings.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The request for hearing having been withdrawn and the issues in dispute having been addressed in a settlement agreement, this matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.