

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

Are the services of Dr. Eric Nicholson required in order for the Student to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment?

**SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The student has been identified as Other Health Impaired and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in IDEIA 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. The Parent objected to the termination of the services of the treating psychiatrist and asked that his services be reinstated. The Board refused the Parent's request.

On or about December 1, 2010, the Board received notice of the Parent's request for due process. A resolution meeting was held on December 13, 2010 and the parties agreed to continue mediating the matter if not resolved at the resolution meeting. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on December 1, 2010 and a pre-hearing conference was held on December 15, 2010. A hearing date of January 25, 2011 was agreed to by the parties.

The Parent, in an electronic transmission, requested that they be allowed to withdraw the matter without prejudice as they would continue mediating the matter rather than go forward with a due process hearing. The request was granted. The date for the mailing of the final Order and Decision is February 14, 2011.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.