

May 5, 2015

Case Number: 15-0477

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Manchester Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parents

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Mrs. Shelly Matfess  
Manchester Board of Education  
45 School Street  
Manchester, CT 06042

Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District err when the Planning and Placement Team decided to change Student's primary disability on Student's Individualized Education Program?
2. Was the District's psychoeducational evaluation appropriate?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

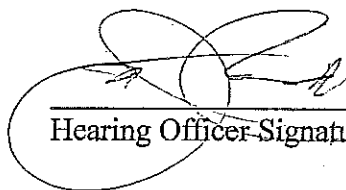
On April 27, 2015, the Manchester Board of Education received Student's Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing and the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed. The deadline for the mailing a Final Decision and Order was July 10, 2015. A prehearing conference was scheduled for May 1, 2015. On May 1, 2015, before the scheduled prehearing conference, Parents sent an email to the Hearing Officer in which they indicated they were withdrawing their hearing request without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).



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Hearing Officer Signature

Justino Rosado  
Hearing Officer Name in Print