

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Hartford Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Melinda Kaufmann
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Was the evaluation conducted by the District appropriate, thereby relieving the District of the obligation to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation of Student at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

On June 2, 2016, Parent received a request for a special due process hearing filed by the District. On June 6, 2016, the Connecticut State Department of Education appointed this Hearing Officer to preside over the case. On June 22, 2016, a prehearing conference was initiated and ended shortly thereafter, as Parent did not join the conference. Parent subsequently sent an email to the Hearing Officer indicating she was not aware of the conference until after it occurred. A second prehearing conference was held on July 1, 2016. During this prehearing conference, a hearing date of September 6, 2016 was set and the deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as July 15, 2016. Also during the conference, the Parties indicated that they were going to participate in mediation and the District requested an extension of the deadline for the mailing of the final decision and order in order to allow the parties to participate in mediation. Parent agreed to this request, which was granted and resulted in a revised mailing deadline is August 12, 2016. The parties subsequently settled the matter and on August 5, 2016, Parent withdrew the request for a special education hearing.

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