

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bethel Board of Education

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Appearing on behalf of the Board:	Rebecca Rudnick Santiago, Esq. Shipman & Goodwin, LLP 1 Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103-1919
Appearing before:	Patrick L. Kennedy, Esq. Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District deny FAPE to the Student for the 2018-19 school year by not providing an appropriate IEP?
2. Did the District deny FAPE to the Student in its preparation or implementation of an IEP for the Student for the 2018-19 school year?
3. Did disciplinary measures taken by the District during the 2018-19 school year constitute a denial of FAPE?
4. If there has been a denial of FAPE, what remedies should be ordered?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

Case 19-0287 was commenced by the parents under the expedited hearing provisions of Conn. State Regs. §10-76h-10 by request received by the Board on December 17, 2018. A prehearing conference was scheduled for January 3, 2019 but was subsequently cancelled due to the resolution of the case. Based on the Bethel school calendar, the matter was required to be heard by January 24, 2019 and the decision date was February 7, 2019.

On January 2, 2019, the undersigned hearing officer was advised by the attorney for the Parents that the parties had reached a settlement in the case and the matter should therefore be dismissed with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is dismissed with prejudice.