

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Westport Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Janis C. Jerman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by the Student via letter dated March 11, 2009. It was received by the Board of Education on March 16, 2009. The 30-day resolution period ran through April 15, 2009. The deadline for mailing the final decision and order was May 30, 2009. Upon request of the parties, the deadline for mailing the final decision and order was extended until June 30, 2009.

A pre-hearing conference was held on April 7, 2009. Attorney Nora Belanger appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Marsha Belman Moses appeared on behalf of the Board of Education.

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board of Education properly denied Student's request for private school tuition reimbursement for the 2008-09 school year;
2. Whether the Board of Education failed to provide a free appropriate public education to Student for the 2006-07 school year from March 16, 2007 to the end of the school year;
3. Whether the Board of Education failed to provide a free appropriate public education to Student for the summer of 2007;

4. Whether the Board of Education failed to provide a free appropriate public education to Student for the 2007-08 school year; and
5. Whether the Board of Education failed to provide a free appropriate public education to Student for the summer of 2008.
6. If the Board of Education did fail to provide a free appropriate public education to Student during any of the above periods, is Student entitled to reimbursement for tutoring services, reimbursement for extended school year at Landmark College, transportation and other related services, and/or compensatory education for time lost during the 2006-07 school year after March 16, 2007 and the 2007-08 school year.

The parties participated in mediation on May 19, 2009, at which time they resolved all issues. Via letter dated May 21, 2009, Attorney Belanger withdrew the complaint with prejudice.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is hereby dismissed with prejudice.