

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

Parent, *Pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Mary H.B. Gelfman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on October 16, 2009, and this Hearing Officer was appointed on October 28, 2009. Mediation was scheduled for November 24, 2009, and the pre-hearing conference was postponed until after mediation. The November 24, 2009 mediation session was postponed. The Hearing Officer scheduled the pre-hearing conference for January 5, 2010, and extended the date for the decision from December 30, 2009 to January 30, 2010.

The Parent telephoned the Hearing Officer on January 4, 2010, stating that she wasn't ready to go forward. After the Hearing Officer explained that she could only provide one extension of the decision date for mediation/settlement negotiations she also advised the Parent that she would be dismissing the case without prejudice, meaning that the Parent could file for a hearing when she was ready. The Hearing Officer also recommended mediation.

SUMMARY:

In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 99, the following decision uses "Student", "School", "Parent", and titles of school staff members and other witnesses in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

The request for hearing form filed by the Parent listed disagreement with the Student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Section 10-76h-9 (e), Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, provides for one 30-day extension of the decision date to provide for settlement negotiations, which may include mediation. Since the Parent is not ready to go forward after such an extension, this matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.