

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Glastonbury Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Does the Student require a paraprofessional with a music background in order to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE)?
2. Is the Parent a meaningful participant in the Student's PPT?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a 16 years and 9 months old student who has been identified as Intellectually Impaired and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting, the Parents requested a paraprofessional with a music background for the Student. The Board refused the parent's request.

On or about March 2, 2010, the Board received notice of the Parent's request for due process. A resolution meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2010. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 2, 2010, and a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for March 25, 2010. A Sufficiency Motion was filed on March 17, 2010. In a letter from the Student's attorney, the attorney withdrew the request for due process without prejudice. The parties wanted to attempt to resolve the matter. The date for the Final Decision and Order is May 18, 2010.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.