

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Willington Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES**

1. Did the Student make adequate progress socially, emotionally and academically in 2008 and 2009?
2. Did the Board provide an appropriate extended school year program for the summers of 2008 and 2009?
3. Did the Board disregard the concerns of the Parents and the input of outside professionals?
4. Does the Student require occupational therapy services, increased speech and language services, a full summer program and intensive social skills instruction?
5. Should the Board be required to place the Student in a therapeutic day program?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Parents' attorney faxed a letter to the State Department of Education ("SDE") on April 21, 2010 requesting a due process hearing. The Board's attorney received a copy on that date. Another hearing officer was assigned to the case on April 28. On April 29, the Parents' attorney filed a motion to consolidate this case with three related cases, which were assigned to two other hearing officers. On April 30, the Board's attorney objected to the consolidation of the four cases into one, but agreed that consolidation of this case with a due process case filed by the Board that involved the same Student could be consolidated. After the three hearing officers conferred, this case was transferred to this Hearing Officer on May 3. On May 7, a prehearing conference was held with the Parents' attorney. The Board's attorney was not available. The

prehearing conference was rescheduled and held with both attorneys on May 13. Hearing dates were agreed on for June 17 and 25 and the mailing date for the final decision was set at July 6, 2010. On June 1, the Parents' attorney advised the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached a settlement and requested that the first hearing date be canceled. On June 3, the Parents' attorney advised the Hearing Officer that the parties had signed a settlement agreement and that the Parents were withdrawing the hearing request with prejudice.

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It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed with prejudice.