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Final Decision and Order 11-0440

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board's proposed program for the Student for the 2011-12 school year is appropriate;
2. If not, whether the Parents' proposed placement of the Student at Villa Maria is appropriate and shall be reimbursed;
3. Whether the Student is entitled to compensatory education.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/DISCUSSION:

This request for hearing was received by the Board on April 28, 2011 and a prehearing conference convened on May 18, 2011. A request for extension of the mailing date of the decision was granted so that the parties had additional time to attempt to resolve the matter through mediation.

On July 12, 2011 the hearing convened. At the hearing the Board's attorney was present but the Parents' attorney was not present. The Board's attorney reported that the parties had settled the matter, and in accordance with the signed settlement agreement the Parents had agreed to withdraw their case with prejudice. Therefore, this matter is dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.