

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Student require individualized, 1:1 instruction by a reading instructor trained in phoneme blending and awareness?
2. If the answer to Issue No. 1 is yes, does the failure to provide that specialized instruction result in a denial of a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") by the New Britain Board of Education ("Board")?
3. If the answer to Issue No. 2 is yes, what is the appropriate remedy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The complaint was filed on behalf of the Student on June 18, 2013. A pre-hearing conference was held on June 28, 2013, from which the above issues were identified. Due Process hearing dates were set for August 12, 13 and 14, 2013. The Parties participated in mediation on August 2, 2013, where the issues were resolved. On August 7, 2013, Counsel for the Student withdrew the complaint in writing.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The Parties reached agreement on the issues through mediation and the matter was withdrawn in writing on August 7, 2013. Having no further issues to be decided, this matter is DISMISSED.