

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Ridgefield Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Board's August 2011 psychiatric evaluation of Student appropriate?
2. Should the Board be required to fund an Independent Educational Evaluation by a psychiatrist for Student?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/ SUMMARY:**

The Board filed the Due Process Request on September 18, 2012. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 20, 2012. The original mailing date of the Final Decision was November 3, 2012. A Prehearing Conference was conducted on October 3, 2012 and a hearing was scheduled for November 16, 2012. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to December 3, 2012. On October 24, 2012, the Board's attorney requested a postponement of the first day of hearing and the mailing date of the Final Decision to allow the parties to engage negotiations with a state appointed mediator. The Board's request was granted. The hearing date was cancelled and a new hearing date was scheduled for December 17, 2012. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to December 31, 2012. On December 12, 2012, the Board's attorney notified the Hearing Officer that the parties had come to an agreement and that the Board was withdrawing the Request.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is hereby **DISMISSED**.