

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail to provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) by not providing him with an IPAD as assistive technology?
2. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of FAPE from August 31, 2011 of the 2011-2012 school year?

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Autism and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parent requested an IPAD as assistive technology for the Student as had been recommended by the PPT. The Board did not provide the IPAD and the Parent filed for due process.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 20, 2012. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for March 27, 2012. The parties agreed to a resolution meeting. Hearing dates of May 22 and 30, 2012 were chosen by the parties.

On or about May 7, 2012, the Parent's attorney informed the hearing officer that the matter had been resolved. The final date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is June 2, 2012.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.