

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Newington of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board: Attorney Rebecca R. Santiago
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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the program provided by the Board for the 2010-2011 school year appropriate and does it provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment?
2. Does the Student require residential placement at the Grace Webb School for the 2010-2011 school year?

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Emotional Disturbance and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the IDEIA, 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting, the Parents were not in agreement with the program being provided to the Student and requested placement at the Grace Webb School. The Board denied the Parents' request and the Parents filed for due process.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on January 17, 2011 and a pre-hearing conference was held on January 27, 2011. A hearing date of March 11, 2011 was chosen by the parties. The parties mediated the matter on February 18, 2011.

The Parent sent the hearing officer a letter informing him that the matter was settled and requesting a withdrawal of the hearing without prejudice. The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is March 30, 2011.

FINAL ORDER AND DECISION:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.