

April 25, 2011

Final Decision and Order 11-0330

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Westport Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents:

Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board:

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Appearing Before:

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Hearing Officer

ISSUE:

Should the Board reimburse the Parent for the Independent Educational Evaluation of the Student?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified as Speech or Language Impaired and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting, the Parent requested reimbursement of the cost of an Independent Educational Evaluation of the Student. The Board refused the Parent's request.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 1, 2011 and a pre-hearing conference was held on March 21, 2011. At the pre-hearing conference the Board informed the hearing officer that the matter had been resolved and the request for due process was being withdrawn.

The date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is May 23, 2011.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is dismissed.