

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student¹ v. Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of Student: Student's Mother, *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Gwen Zittoun
Shipman & Goodwin
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103-1919

Appearing before: Janis C. Jerman
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by Student's Mother via Request for Impartial Special Education Hearing dated November 5, 2015.² It was received by the Board of Education ("BOE") on November 6. The 30-day resolution period ended December 6 and the deadline to mail the final decision and order is January 20, 2016.

A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on November 16. On that date, Student's Parents and Student's Advocate appeared on behalf of Student. No one appeared on behalf of BOE. A pre-hearing conference was rescheduled for November 25. On that date, Student's Parents and Student's Advocate appeared on behalf of Student and Attorney Zittoun appeared on behalf of BOE.

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education provide Student with appropriate transition services?
2. If the answer to Issue One is in the negative, what shall be the remedy?

Hearing was scheduled for December 17. The parties participated in mediation on November 30. Via e-mail dated November 30, Student's Mother indicated that she was withdrawing the request for hearing based on the agreement of the parties.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is dismissed.

¹ In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g ("FERPA") and related regulations at 34 CFR § 99, this decision uses "Student" and "Student's Mother" in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

² All dates are 2015 unless otherwise indicated.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20 United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A)..



Hearing Officer Signature

JANIS C. JERMAN

Hearing Officer

Name in Print