

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wethersfield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Christine B. Spak, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY:

The issues in this matter included a placement in an out of district school. The prehearing was held on August 1, 2001 and the parties agreed to a hearing date of September 21, 2001. On September 14, 2001 the Board's counsel extended the courtesy to the hearing officer of letting her know by letter that the parties had reached an agreement that had not yet been reduced to writing. The purpose of the letter was to give the hearing officer as much notice as possible that the September 21, 2001 hearing date would not be needed. On September 17, 2001 the Student's counsel informed the hearing officer that the parties were "in the process of executing a settlement agreement" and offered to withdraw the matter without prejudice or, if the hearing officer was willing to grant a one week continuance the matter would be withdrawn with prejudice. The matter was continued until October 4, 2001 and the parties were informed by written notice that it would be dismissed with prejudice if it was not withdrawn by that date. A new mailing date of November 19, 2001 was set.

The hearing officer has heard nothing more in this matter so it is concluded that the settlement agreement must have been finalized to the satisfaction of both parties.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The hearing is **dismissed** with prejudice.