

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional School District 15

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Mother, appearing pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Susan Freedman
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Appearing before: Attorney Christine B. Spak, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board offered the Student an appropriate program for the 2001-2002 school year.
2. Whether the Board offered an appropriate placement for the 2002-2002 school year.
3. Whether the Board properly evaluated the student.

SUMMARY:

The prehearing conference in this matter was held on January 22, 2002. The first day of hearing was set for February 6, 2002 and upon convening the parties requested and were granted time to attempt to settle the matter. After several hours the parties reported that it was probable that the matter would be resolved but requested an adjournment for that day and February 27, 2002 was mutually agreed as the continuation date in the event that the parties had not resolved it by that time. On February 21, 2002 the counsel for the Student advised the Hearing Officer that the parties had not been able to resolve the matter and was sending the letter as a courtesy. Upon convening for the hearing on February 21, 2002 the attorneys for both sides were present as well as the parties. The attorney for the Student left prior to the record being open for the day and once the record was opened the parent of the Student advised the Hearing Officer that she was requesting a continuance to seek new counsel. The Board opposed the request for continuance but agree to a

dismissal without prejudice. The parent agreed to this and the matter was dismissed without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.