

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Janis C. Jerman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by the Student via letter dated December 3, 2009. The request for due process hearing was received by the Due Process Unit on the same date. Pursuant to the Request for Hearing and Section 10-76h-10 of the Connecticut State Regulations, the matter was to proceed as an expedited hearing challenging a manifestation determination and decision of the Board of Education to pursue expulsion proceedings against Student. Pursuant to the expedited hearing regulations, the hearing officer shall rule on the matter no more than 45 days after the Due Process Unit's receipt of the Request for Hearing. The deadline to rule on the matter in this case is January 17, 2010.

The case was scheduled for a pre-hearing conference on December 14, 2009. Via letter dated December 11, 2009, the Student withdrew the matter after the Board of Education informed him that the expulsion hearing had been cancelled. Student indicated that "the withdrawal of this request does not waive [Student's] right to re-file for a due process hearing at a later date." Based on the Student's withdrawal, the Hearing Officer cancelled the scheduled pre-hearing conference.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is hereby dismissed without prejudice.