

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Putnam Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the program being offered by the Board during the 2010-2011 school year appropriate and does it provide the Student with FAPE? If no;
2. Will the Options Program and the Learning Incentive provide the Student with FAPE?
3. Should the Board perform an independent speech and language evaluation, an independent occupational therapy evaluation and a physical therapy evaluation of the Student at the Board's expense?
4. Should the Board provide the Student with private speech and language services, private occupational services, private physical therapy services and social skills training?
5. Should the Board pay for consultations from an Autism Specialist from the Center for Children with Special Needs?
6. Is the Student entitled to Compensatory Education for the Board's violation of FAPE?
7. Is the Student entitled to 6 years of Compensatory Education for the Board's violation of FAPE?

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student has been identified as having Autism and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in IDEA 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. The Parent rejected the program offered by the PPT and requested placement of the Student at the Option Program at Learning Incentive. The Board refused the Parent's request.

On or about November 8, 2010, the Board received notice of the Parent's request for due process. The parties agreed to forgo a resolution meeting and decided to use the mediation process. Mediation was scheduled for December 9, 2010. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on November 16, 2010 and a pre-hearing conference was held on November 22, 2010. Hearing dates of January 17 and 20, 2011 were chosen by the parties.

On or about December 13, 2010, the Parent's attorney sent the hearing officer a letter withdrawing the request for due process with prejudice as the matter had been settled in mediation. The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is January 12, 2011.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**