

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student<sup>1</sup> v. Hartford Board of Education

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

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Frederick L. Dorsey  
21 Oak Street, Suite 601  
Hartford, CT 06106

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 October 8, 2015.<sup>2</sup> The Board of Education ("BOE") received the Request for Hearing on October 14. The 30-day resolution period ends November 13 and the deadline to mail the final decision and order is December 28.

**The following issue is identified in the Request for Hearing:**

Should Student be placed at Glastonbury High School?

A telephonic pre-hearing conference was scheduled for October 21. Attorney Dorsey appeared on behalf of BOE; no one appeared on behalf of Student. Via Notice dated October 27, the pre-hearing conference was rescheduled for November 4 and sent to Student's Mother at the address identified in the Request for Hearing. The Notice of Hearing stated the following in bold: "If Student's Mother or other representative does not either participate in the pre-hearing conference or make appropriate arrangements to reschedule the pre-hearing conference, the matter will be dismissed for failure to prosecute." At the rescheduled time, Attorney Dorsey appeared on behalf of BOE; no one appeared on behalf of Student. The undersigned remained on the phone for 15 minutes waiting for Student's Mother to appear.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is dismissed for failure to prosecute.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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