

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Haven Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

Parents appeared pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education:

Attorney Ann Marie DeGraffenreidt  
New Haven Board of Education  
Gateway Center  
54 Meadow Street  
New Haven, CT 06519

Appearing before:

Attorney Christine B. Spak, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

1. Whether an appropriate and timely manifestation determination was held in this matter.

**SUMMARY:**

The request for hearing was filed on June 3, 2002. A prehearing conference was scheduled for June 10, 2002. The parents were not available for the prehearing conference and the hearing officer left a message on their answering machine that included a request, if possible, for a fax number by which to communicate with them. No response was made to the message. On June 12, 2002 the hearing officer received a letter from the Board's attorney indicating that a PPT had been held and that the Father had indicated to her that the issue in this hearing request had been resolved and that he would be withdrawing the hearing request in writing. Hearing Officer Exhibit 2. Nothing was received from the Parents. On June 23, 2002 a hearing date was set for June 28, 2002 indicating that if no one appears for the hearing, the matter will be dismissed so as to close the record in an appropriate manner. Hearing Officer Exhibit 1. No one appeared at the hearing.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED**.