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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Vocational-Technical School System

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:           The parent proceeded *pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the School System: Attorney Beatrice Tinty  
Vocational-Technical School System  
25 Industrial Park Road  
Middletown, CT 06457

Appearing before:                               Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

This matter was assigned on October 4, 2002, and a notice of prehearing conference was sent via facsimile to the Board and via U.S mail to the Parent. The prehearing conference convened on October 8 as scheduled. The School System counsel was present and ready to proceed at the time of the prehearing, but the Parent was not present at her telephone number at the time of the prehearing. At the time of the scheduled prehearing conference, a message was left at the Parent's telephone number, which gave her an opportunity to request a second prehearing conference. Neither the parent, nor the School System counsel contacted the undersigned hearing officer with a request for a second prehearing conference.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.