# BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

**COMPLAINANT** CASE No. D05222025-38 Cleveland School District RESPONDENT

## MOTION TO DISMISS DUE PROCESS COMPLAINT

#### INTRODUCTION

V.

This is a proceeding pursuant to the Mississippi "State Policies Regarding Children with Disabilities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendment of 2004" (collectively referred to as the State Policies or the IDEA), and involves a minor child (the Student or Child), initiated by the mother (the Mother or Parent, herein) of the Student by the filing of a complaint for Due Process received by the school district and the Mississippi Department of Education on May 22, 2025.

#### **PARTIES**

The Student is a s diagnosed with ADHD, ADD and Emotional Disability. Because of severe disciplinary issues, the student was placed in a homebound program with services and accommodations to be provided as specified in the IEP.<sup>2</sup> The parent insisted the student's disability was not considered regarding her placement and the Student should not have been expelled from the regular school.

# ISSUES AND RELIEF REQUESTED

After securing legal counsel, the Petitioners realized the Complainant intended to submit a State Complaint, not a Due Process complaint. Counsel for the Complainant communicated with Respondent's counsel on June 4, 2025 to clarify the intension for the case to be submitted as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Policies were adopted under the authority of "The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Public Law 101-476, reauthorized as "The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEIA), Public Law 101-476 and 20 U.S.C. §1400 et.seq., Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300, and the Mississippi Standards and Procedures for the Education of Exceptional Children, Mississippi Code §§37-23-133 through 150. The hearing officer and the Mississippi Department of Education have jurisdiction over these proceedings pursuant to the statues and code sections cited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Initial Complaint filed May 21, 2025

a State Complaint. Counsel for both parties agreed that all proceedings regarding case D05222025-38 be paused so the Complainant can re-file as a State Complaint.<sup>3</sup>

## **CONCLUSION**

With both parties in support of the request, the Complainant's Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint Without Prejudice is hereby **granted**. So ordered, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

David P Daves

David P Daves, Ph.D. Due Process Hearing Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Motion to Dismiss Without Prejudice received June 4, 2025