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# Student swing Fairfield teacher

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**FAIRFIELD** — A Fairfield Warde High School student who claims a teacher grabbed him by the neck in November has filed a notice of intent to sue the teacher and Board of Education.

Joshua Lipton and his mother, Judy Lipton, both of Random Road, contend in the notice that Joshua suffered "marks to his neck, severe humiliation, anxiety [and] emotional distress" because of the Nov. 13 incident.

Joshua Lipton, 17, had to withdraw from class and un-

dergo counseling, according to the notice.

In January, police charged James Corbiere, the teacher, with third-degree assault and breach of peace.

A hearing on Corbiere's request for accelerated rehabilitation — a special form of probation — is scheduled for June 30 in Bridgeport Superior Court.

Under accelerated rehabilitation, Corbiere, 49, of Katona Drive, would be placed on probation for two years, and the case against him would be dismissed if he did not commit another crime.

Lipton told police he was

lying on a table in home-room, tossing a water bottle back and forth with a friend, when the bottle struck a window shade.

Corbiere then allegedly grabbed Lipton by the neck and threw him against the wall, police said, citing the student's account of the incident.

The monetary damages sought by the Liptons are not specified in the notice.

The Liptons are represented by lawyer Harold L. Rosnick.

Corbiere was not available for comment. School officials said he is currently teaching at Warde High.