STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the June 30, 2016 Individualized Education Program ("IEP") fail to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education?
- 2. If yes, was Student's unilateral placement at Eagle Hill an appropriate placement?
- 3. If yes, should Parents be reimbursed for tuition at Eagle Hill School for the 2016-2017 school year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

On August 31, 2016, the Board received a request for a special education due process hearing that was filed by Attorney for the Student. On September 7, 2016, the Connecticut State Department of Education appointed this Hearing Officer to preside over the case. During the prehearing conference held on September 19, 2016, a hearing date of October 18, 2016 was scheduled and the deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as November 14, 2016. On October 5, 2016, the Attorney for the Parents withdrew the request for a special education due process hearing without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed.

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

Name in Print Hearing Officer