

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Weston Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer FAPE for the 2015-2016 extended school year?
2. Did the Board offer FAPE for the 2016-2017 school year and extended school year?
3. If not, is the placement at Chamberlain appropriate?
4. If not, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for their educational related expenses?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on May 31, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on June 3, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 1, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for August 5 and 8, 2016. The hearing was cancelled so that the parties could continue productive settlement discussions and a new hearing date was scheduled for August 15, 2016. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to September 12, 2016. At the hearing convened on August 15, 2016, the Parents' attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the Parents were withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

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

Sylvia Ho
Hearing Officer Name in Print