

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Suffield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide appropriate programs for two years prior to the filing of the Hearing Request?
2. Should the Board be required to financially support placement of the Student at The Learning Center for the 2016-2017 school year?
3. Should the Board be required to financially support placement of Student at the JCC program for ESY 2015-2016?
4. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

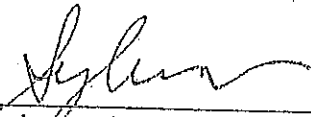
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on June 8, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on June 15, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on June 20, 2016. The Hearing Officer granted the parties' request to extend the mailing date of the Final Decision from August 23, 2016 to the September 23, 2016 so that they could engage in mediation. The hearing was scheduled for September 17, 2016. On September 14, 2016, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the Parent was 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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
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Hearing Officer      Name in Print