

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide FAPE to Student for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years?
2. If not, is Winston Preparatory School appropriate?
3. If so, are parents entitled to reimbursement of their payment of tuition, transportation and education related expenses at Winston Preparatory School?
4. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

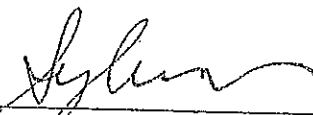
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on November 20, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on November 23, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on December 8, 2015. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to March 3, 2016 in order for the parties to engage in settlement discussions. The hearing was scheduled for February 12, 2016. On February 10, 2016, the Parents withdrew the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** without 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

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