

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board timely and properly evaluate and assess Student before convening June 2013, March 2014 and June 2014 IEP meetings?
2. Did the Board convene all required members of the IEP team?
3. Were Parents denied the opportunity to participate at the IEP meeting?
4. Did the Board engage in predetermination of the Student's program?
5. If there were procedural due process violations, did these violations result in a loss of educational opportunity for Student?
6. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2013-2014 school year?
7. Was placement at Villa Maria School appropriate?
8. Are the Parents entitled to reimbursement for payments of tuition and education related costs for their unilateral placement of student at Villa Maria School?
9. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2014-2015 school year?
10. Was placement at Sandhill Child Development Center appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint on December 15, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on December 19, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on January 6, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for February 25, 2015. On February 20, 2015, the Parent 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 Name in Print