

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parents

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Andreana Bellach  
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

1. Did District fail to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") for the 2013-2014 school year?
2. Did the District fail to provide Student with a FAPE for the Extended School Year in the summer of 2014?
3. Did the District fail to provide Student with a FAPE for the 2014-2015 school year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

On October 3, 2014, the Wilton Board of Education received a request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. A prehearing conference was held on October 27, 2014, during which hearing dates of January 9, 2014 and January 12, 2014 and January 16, 2014 were set and the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was established as December 17, 2014. The parties indicated they were scheduled for mediation on December 16, 2014 and jointly requested an extension of the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order in order to participate in settlement negotiations. This request was granted and a new deadline of January 16, 2015 was established.

On December 16, 2014, Parents sent an email to the Hearing Officer in which they withdrew their 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

Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print