

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Haven Board of Education

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Appearing before: Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board predetermine the results of a manifestation determination prior to the Manifestation Determination PPT meeting?
2. Was the Parent given proper notice and procedural safeguards?
3. Was the Parent denied meaningful participation at the Manifestation Determination PPT meeting?
4. Did the members of the Manifestation Determination PPT review all relevant information?
5. Was the behavior in question caused by, or have a direct and substantial relationship to the Student's disability?
6. Was the behavior in question the direct result of the Board's failure to implement the Student's IEP?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

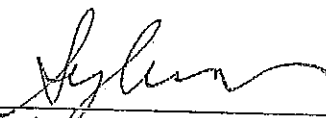
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on March 2, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on March 3, 2016 and scheduled a Prehearing Conference for March 8, 2016. On March 7, 2016, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had settled their dispute and 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).



Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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