

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Shelton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board properly classify the Student's special need prior to December of 2013?
2. Did the Board properly evaluate and test all areas of the Student's suspected disability?
3. Did the Board provide appropriate programs including extended year programs for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years?
4. Is the Foundation School an appropriate placement for Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on December 9, 2013. The Hearing Officer was appointed on December 11, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on December 20, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for February 14, 2014. On February 9, 2014, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the Parent was withdrawing 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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