

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Norwich Board Of Education and Norwich Free Academy

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Appearing before: Ann F. Bird, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Does this Hearing Officer have jurisdiction over the Norwich Free Academy?
2. Did the Norwich Public Schools and/or the Norwich Free Academy offer the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 School Years?
3. If not, what remedies, including compensatory education, are appropriate for denial of a free appropriate public education and/or procedural and/or state law violations?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested an Impartial Special Education Hearing in this matter on August 20, 2013. This Hearing Officer was appointed on August 26, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on September 9, 2013. The deadline for submitting the final decision was established to be November 1, 2013, and a hearing was scheduled for November 13, 2013.

On September 11, 2013, Counsel for the Student submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timeline to conduct the hearing and file the final

decision. The purpose of the request was to allow the parties sufficient time to present their cases. Counsel's request was granted and the deadline for filing the final decision was postponed and extended to November 29, 2013.

On October 16, 2013, Counsel for the Student reported that the parties had resolved the matter and requested withdrawal of the case without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The Student's request for withdrawal is granted and this matter is hereby dismissed.