

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Fairfield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide FAPE for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years?
2. Did the Board offer FAPE for the 2016-2017 school year?
3. If not, is Eagle Hill Southport appropriate?
4. If so, Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for tuition and education relate at Eagle Hill Southport?
5. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for the cost of the literacy evaluation they obtained in November 2015?
6. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

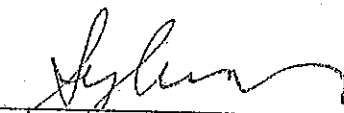
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on July 11, 2016 and a Hearing Officer was appointed on July 13, 2016. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 26, 2016 and granted the Parent's Request for an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision to October 21, 2016 so that the parties could engage in mediation of the dispute. The hearing was scheduled for October 13, 2016. On October 7, 2016, the Parent's attorney reported that the parties had resolved the dispute and withdrew the Due Process Complaint.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter 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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
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Hearing Officer      Name in Print