

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Bridgeport Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the Student denied a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") between November 25, 2011 and June 30, 2012?
2. If so:
 - a. Is the Bridgeport Board of Education ("BOE") responsible for that denial in whole or in part?
 - b. Is Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Elementary School ("AFBA") responsible for that denial in whole or in part?
3. If there was such a denial of FAPE, is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?
 - a. If the Student is so entitled, what, if any, is the BOE's responsibility for compensatory education services?
 - b. If the Student is so entitled, what, if any, is AFBA's responsibility for compensatory education services?
4. If the Student was denied FAPE, what remedies, if any, other than compensatory education services, are appropriate?
 - a. If other remedies are appropriate, what is the BOE's responsibility for such remedies?
 - b. If other remedies are appropriate, what is AFBA's responsibility for such remedies?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education hearing in the above-captioned matter on November 15, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on December 9, 2013. Attorney Robin Keller appeared

on behalf of the Student, Attorney Gwen Zittoun appeared on behalf of the Board of Education and Attorney Elizabeth Adams appeared on behalf of Achievement First Bridgeport Academy. Hearings were scheduled for February 21, 2014, February 24, 2014 and February 25, 2014.

On January 7, 2014, Counsel for the Student submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to March 10, 2014. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties to participate in a scheduled mediation.

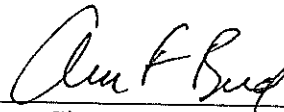
On February 10, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had settled the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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



Hearing Officer

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