

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Waterford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2015-2016 school year?
2. If not, is Thames Academy appropriate?
3. If so, does Student require a residential placement?
4. If so, should the Board be required to financially support Student's placement at Thames Academy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

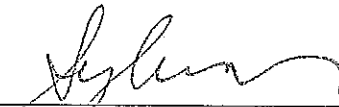
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on June 30, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on July 16, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 30, 2015. At the request of the parties, the mailing date was extended to October 19, 2015 so that they could participate in mediation. The hearing was scheduled for September 28, 2015. On August 21, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached an agreement 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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