STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Wilton Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education program from June 2012 through August 2014, including extended school year services? If not, what is an appropriate remedy?
- 2. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education program for the 2014-2015 School Year? If not, what is an appropriate remedy?
- 3. Did the Board of Education appropriately evaluate the Student's progress from June 2012 to the present? If not, what is an appropriate remedy?
- 4. Did the Board of Education appropriately revise the Student's individual education program to address lack of expected progress from June 2012 to the present? If not, what is an appropriate remedy?
- 5. Did the Board of Education fail to provide audiology services for the Student from July 2012 to the present? If not what is an appropriate remedy?
- 6. Did the Board of Education fail to address the Student's acoustics issues from August 2012 to the present?
- 7. Should the Student be placed at Great Steps or the Speech Academy?
- 8. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement from the Board of Education for the expense of Dr. Ciocca's evaluation?
- 9. Should the Board of Education provide the Student with hearing aids?
- 10. Should the Board of Education reimburse the Student for the expense of auditory services?
- 11. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on June 17, 2014. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on June 18, 2014.

A telephonic pre-hearing conference was scheduled for July 11, 2014.

On July 9, 2014 the Board of Education reported that the parties were in the process of finalizing a settlement agreement for resolution of the case and requested that the prehearing conference be postponed to July 18, 2014. The request was granted.

On July 17, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had finalized a settlement agreement and requested that the matter be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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

Hearing Officer Signature

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Hearing Officer

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