

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Trumbull Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail in its IDEA Child Find obligations to the student, including failure to make a prompt referral to a PPT?
2. Did the Board provide student with FAPE during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years and related 2013 extended school years?
3. Should the student be placed in a therapeutic day school?
4. Should the Board be required to reimburse parents for their expenses?
5. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Hearing Request on February 19, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 21, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on March 5, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for April 11, 2014 and April 28, 2014. At the Prehearing Conference, the Board's attorney notified the Parent's attorney and the Hearing Officer that she did not believe the Hearing Request contained sufficient information with regard to issue 4, above. The Hearing Officer granted permission for the Parent to voluntarily amend the Hearing Request. The Amended Hearing Request was filed with the Hearing Officer on March 7, 2014. The timelines were extended and the mailing date of the Final Decision was changed from May 5, 2014 to May 21, 2014. On April 4, 2014, the Parent withdrew the Hearing Request 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 Name in Print