

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Shelton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Attorney Sylvia Ho, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program to Student?
2. Should the Board be required to financially support Student's private placement at the Foundation School?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/ SUMMARY:

The Parent *pro se* filed a Request for Hearing dated February 15, 2013 by facsimile on February 13, 2013. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 20, 2013. A Notice of Prehearing Conference was issued on February 22, 2012 and a telephonic prehearing conference was scheduled for February 28, 2013. The Parent notified the Hearing Officer by electronic mail that she could not attend the prehearing conference because she was in the process of retaining counsel and Board counsel notified the Hearing Officer of a scheduling conflict. The Prehearing Conference was rescheduled to March 4, 2013. On February 27, 2013, Parent's counsel sent a notice of appearance and simultaneously withdrew the Request for Hearing without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice..