

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Region 4 Board of Education

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Appearing before: Robert L. Skelley, Esq., Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education for Region 4 ("Board") fail to provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") for the 2012-2013 academic years (commencing 10/2012)?
2. Did the Board fail to provide the Student with a FAPE for the 2013-2014 academic years?
3. Did the Board fail to provide the Student with a FAPE for the 2014-2015 academic years?
4. If the Board DID fail to provide the Student with a FAPE for the 2014-2015 academic years, are the Parents entitled to reimbursement for the costs of the unilateral placement of the Student at the Academy of Mount St. John's?
5. If the Board did deny the Student a FAPE for any or all of the time periods in question, what would be the appropriate remedy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This complaint was filed by the Parents on October 20, 2014. A prehearing conference was held on November 19, 2014, from which the issues listed above were identified. After the Parents requested an extension of the final decision and order date, with no objection from the Board, in order to accommodate settlement discussions and the holiday schedule, an initial hearing date of January 22, 2015 was set. On December 22, 2014 the Parents withdrew the complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

With the withdrawal of the complaint by the Parents on December 22, 2014, and with no further issues to be decided, 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

Robert L. Skelley, Esq.

Hearing Officer Name in Print