# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Monroe Board of Education

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Appearing before: Sylvia Ho, Esq. Hearing Officer

### **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

#### **ISSUES:**

- 1. Did the Board provide appropriate programs in the least restrictive environment for the two years prior to the date of the complaint and for ESY 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school year?
- 2. Did the Board evaluate Student in all areas of suspected disability, including conducting PT, AT, OT evaluations and a functional behavior assessment?
- 3. If the answer to question one is no, then is the Foundation School an appropriate placement?
- 4. If so, then should the Board be required to financially support a placement of Student at the Foundation School including transportation costs?
- 5. Was Jabberwocky Camp appropriate?
- 6. If so, should the parents be reimbursed for tuition expenses at Jabberwocky camp for the two years prior to the filing of the complaint and ESY 2015-2016?

# PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on April 29, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on May 2, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on May 27, 2016. The Hearing Officer granted Parent's request for extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision to August 12, 2016 so that the parties could mediate their dispute. The hearing was scheduled for August 1, 2016. On July 27, 2016, the Parent's attorney reported that the parties had settled their dispute 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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