

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Wolcott Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the Board's evaluation appropriate?
2. Should the Board be obligated to fund an independent educational evaluation at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

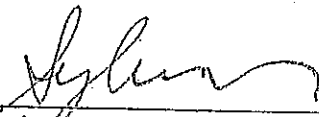
The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on May 17, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on May 18, 2016. The Hearing Officer wrote the parties and scheduled a Prehearing Conference on May 27, 2016. The parties agreed to mediation with a state appointed mediator and requested an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision. The hearing was scheduled for July 27, 2016 and the mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to July 29, 2016. On July 20, 2016, the Board's attorney informed the Hearing Officer that Board was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The 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

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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