

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wallingford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide Student with FAPE in the 2012-2013 school year and extended school year?
2. Did the Board offer Student an appropriate program for the 2013-2014 school year?
3. Did the Board conduct appropriate evaluations of Student in all suspected areas of disabilities?
4. Did the Board provide opportunities for meaningful parent participation?
5. Did the Board comply with procedural safeguards?
6. Is Connecticut Center for Child Development ("CCCD") an appropriate placement for Student?
7. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parent for tuition and education related expenses for their placement of Student at CCCD and tutoring services through July 2013?
8. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

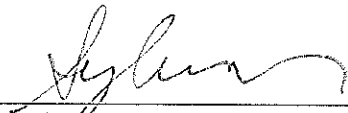
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on January 13, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on January 13, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on January 27, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for March 27, 2014. On February 18, 2014, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** without 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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print