

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student¹ v. Woodstock Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Janis C. Jerman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by Student's Attorney via Letter dated September 5, 2014.² It was received by the Board of Education ("BOE") on September 5. The 30-day resolution period ended October 5 and the original deadline to mail the final decision and order was November 19. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on September 30. Attorney Spencer appeared on behalf of Student and Attorney Littlefield appeared on behalf of BOE.

The following issues were identified:

1. Did the Board of Education provide Student with a free appropriate public education from September 5, 2012 to the end of the 2012-13 school year?
2. Did the Board of Education provide Student with a free appropriate public education during the 2013-14 school year?
3. Did the Board of Education provide Student with a free appropriate public education during the 2014-15 school year?
4. If the Board of Education failed to provide Student with a free appropriate public education, is Student's Parent's placement of Student at Wolf School appropriate?
5. Are Student's Parents entitled to reimbursement for Student's placement at Wolf School?

Via letter dated October 6, Student's Attorney requested an extension of the deadline to mail the final decision and order to accommodate a November 17 mediation date. After fully considering the positions of the parties, the request for an extension of the mailing date was granted and the deadline to mail the final decision and order was extended to December 19. The parties participated in mediation on November 17. Via letter dated November 18, Student's Attorney indicated that the parties executed a settlement agreement and that Student's Parents withdraw the request for hearing with prejudice.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is dismissed with prejudice.

¹ In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g ("FERPA") and related regulations at 34 CFR § 99, this decision uses "Student", "Parents", "School" and titles of school staff members and certain other witnesses in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

² All dates are 2014 unless otherwise indicated.

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

JANIS C. JERMAN

Hearing Officer

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