

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide Student with an appropriate program for the 2014-2015 school year?
2. Was the Board required to provide a reading evaluation for Student in April of 2014?
3. Did the Board fail to implement the IEP dated October 22, 2013?
4. Did the April 23, 2014 IEP accurately reflect the Surrogate Parent's request for a reading evaluation and if not, should the Board be required to amend the IEP?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 29, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on October 7, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on October 23, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for December 10, 2014. On November 14, 2014, the Student requested a postponement of the hearing date and an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision to engage in mediation. The parties' request was granted; the hearing date was postponed to January 8, 2015 and the mailing date of the Final Decision was postponed to January 9, 2015. On December 23, 2014, the Student's attorney withdrew 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 Name in Print