

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide FAPE in the 2014-2015 and 2015 - 2016 school year?
2. If not, was ASPIRO an appropriate placement?
3. If so, should parents be reimbursed for tuition and education related expenses at ASPIRO?
4. Should Parents be reimbursed for education related expenses at Silver Hill Hospital?
5. Should Parents be reimbursed their expenses for evaluations by private providers?
6. Did the Board offer FAPE for the 2016-2017 school year?
7. If not, does the Student require a therapeutic placement?
8. If not, does the Student require a residential placement?
9. If so, is Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks (CALO) an appropriate placement?
10. If so, should parents be reimbursed for tuition and education related expenses at CALO?
11. If so, should parents be reimbursed for their residential placement related expenses at CALO?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on July 19, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on July 20, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 28, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for October 6, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the Parents withdrew 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

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Hearing Officer Name in Print