# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Trumbull Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq. Hearing Officer

## FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

## **ISSUES:**

- 1. Was the Board's speech and language evaluation appropriate?
- 2. Is the Board required to provide an independent speech and language evaluation at public expense?

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 23, 2013. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 24, 2013 and conducted a telephonic Prehearing Conference on October 3, 2013. A hearing was scheduled for October 29, 2013. On October 10, 2013, the Parent's attorney wrote to inform the Hearing Officer that the Parents were withdrawing their request for an independent evaluation. On October 18, 2013, the Board withdrew the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing.

#### 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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