STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Bloomfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

Parent Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Bloomfield Board of Education ("BOE") offer the Student a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment?

2. If not, what remedies are appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student submitted a Request for Impartial Special Education Hearing on May 14, 2013. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on May 15, 2013. A telephonic prehearing conference was attempted on June 5, 2013, but the Student did not respond to the telephone call. A few days later, the Student called the Impartial Hearing Officer ex parte and said she did not wish to pursue the Request for Impartial Special Education Hearing. The Student was advised to put all communications in writing and to include Counsel for the Board of Education.

The Impartial Hearing Officer did not receive further communication from the Student. Accordingly, a second prehearing conference was attempted on June 18, 2013. Again, the Student did not respond to the telephone call. On June 18, 2013, the Impartial Hearing Officer wrote a letter to the Student advising that if the Student did not submit a written request for dismissal or take steps to prosecute the case by June 25, 2013, the matter would be dismissed.

On June 25, 2013, the Student wrote to the Impartial Hearing Officer via electronic mail, confirming the Student's request that the matter be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Student's request is granted and this case is dismissed.