

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Was there an IEP in place at the beginning of the school year?
2. Did the Board promptly convene a PPT to develop an IEP for Student?
3. Did the Board provide FAPE to Student?
4. If not, is ECDS an appropriate placement for Student?
5. If so, should the parents be reimbursed for their payment of tuition and education related expenses?
6. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on April 1, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on the same day and conducted a Prehearing Conference on April 10, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for June 2, 2015. The Board requested a postponement to investigate additional allegations raised by the Parents' reply to the Board's answer to the Due Process Complaint. The Hearing Officer conducted a second Prehearing Conference and granted a postponement and an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision to July 10, 2015. The hearing was rescheduled to June 24 and June 25, 2015. At the hearing of June 24, 2015, the parties reported that they had come to an agreement and that the Parent was withdrawing 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

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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