

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Fairfield Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Speech and Language evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, are Parents entitled to an independent speech and language evaluation at public expense?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

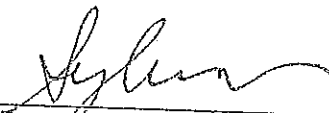
The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on November 18, 2015. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on December 2, 2016 and granted a joint request for extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision so that the parties could engage in negotiations. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to February 3, 2016. On January 25, 2016, the Board's attorney informed the Hearing Officer that the Board was withdrawing its Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing because the Parents had notified the Board that they were withdrawing their request for an independent educational evaluation.

**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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