

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the Board provided the Student with FAPE during the 2010-11 school year, ESY 2011 and the 2011-12 school year;
2. If not, whether the Parents' placement of the Student at Wellspring, including the residential portion of the program, for the 2011-12 school year and ESY 2012 is appropriate and shall be reimbursed;
3. Whether the Student is entitled to compensatory education in the form of placement at Wellspring for the 2012-13 school year, as well as any other compensatory education as determined appropriate by the hearing officer.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/DISCUSSION:

This request for hearing was assigned to another hearing officer who determined that the hearing request was filed on November 14, 2011, and granted a request for postponement of the mailing date of the decision. Subsequently, the hearing officer recused herself, and the undersigned hearing officer was assigned to this case. A prehearing conference convened on December 27, 2011 and a substitute hearing date was selected. At the prehearing conference, counsel reported that mediation was scheduled for January 13, 2012.

Counsel for the Board submitted a joint request for extension of the mailing date of the decision on February 7, 2012 which was granted. The mailing date was extended, and the new hearing date of March 14, 2012 was scheduled. On March 8, 2012, the Parents' attorney submitted notification that the matter had settled. Therefore, this matter is dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.