

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District fail to provide the Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2013-2014 academic year?
2. Did the District fail to provide the Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2014-2015 academic year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

On February 13, 2015, the Stamford Board of Education received Parents' Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing and the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed. The deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was April 29, 2015. On February 15, 2015, before the scheduling of a prehearing conference, Attorney for the Parents sent an email to the Hearing Officer in which he indicated that the Parents were withdrawing their hearing request without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

In light of the above facts, the case 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

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Hearing Officer      Name in Print