

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Stamford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education provide the Student a free appropriate education for the Student for the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 School Years?
2. If not, is the Student entitled to compensatory education and if so, what would characterize such compensatory education?
3. Is the Board of Education's proposed program for the 2015/2016 School Year appropriate?
4. If not, is the Winchendon School appropriate?
5. If the Winchendon School is appropriate, is the Student entitled to reimbursement of expenses for, or placement at, Winchendon School?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on July 14, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on July 14, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on July 21, 2015. Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education and Attorney Lawrence Berliner appeared on behalf of the Student. At that time, evidentiary hearings were scheduled for August 27, 2015 and August 28, 2015.

On July 24, 2015 the Student reported that the dispute had been finally resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer

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