

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Region 15 Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parents

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Julie Fay  
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District deny Student a Free Appropriate Public education during the period two years preceding the filing of the special education due process hearing request?
2. Should the District retain Student for an additional school year and provide special education and related services during the 2016-2017 academic year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

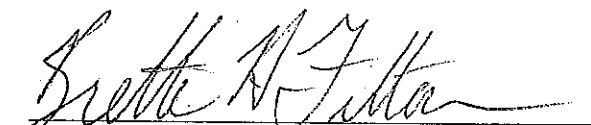
On July 28, 2016, the District received a request for a special due process hearing filed by the Parents. On July 28, 2016, the Connecticut State Department of Education appointed this Hearing Officer to preside over the case. On August 15, 2016, a prehearing conference was held. During the prehearing conference, hearing dates of October 4, 2016, October 6, 2016, October 17, 2016 and October 21, 2016 were set and the deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as October 11, 2016. The parties subsequently settled the matter at the resolution session and on August 30, 2016, Parents withdrew the request for a special education hearing with prejudice.

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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

Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print