

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2016-2017 school year?
2. If not, is Beacon School an appropriate placement?
3. If so, should the parents be reimbursed for tuition and education related expenses at Beacon School?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on July 20, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on July 21, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 27, 2016. The Parents' request to extend the mailing date of the Final Decision to November 2, 2016 so that the parties could engage in mediation was granted. The hearing was scheduled for October 21, 2016. On October 19, 2016, the Parents withdrew the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

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 Name in Print