

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bristol Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Board's proposed program for the Student for the 2014-2015 school year provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE")?
2. If the Board's proposed program for the Student for the 2014-2015 school year does not provide Student with a FAPE, what is the appropriate program for the Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

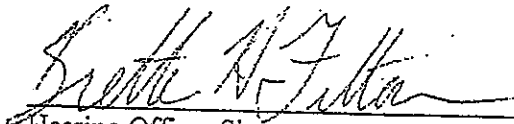
On May 30, 2014, the New Britain Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing and the undersigned hearing officer was appointed. On June 20, 2014, a prehearing conference was held and hearing dates of July 15, 2014 and July 23, 2014 were set. The mailing deadline for the Final Decision and Order was established as August 13, 2014. On June 30, 2014, Counsel for the Student withdrew the hearing request.

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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

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