

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Weston Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide an appropriate program for the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 school years and extended school years?
2. If not, does the Student require a therapeutic residential program in order to access his education and make educational progress?
3. If so, is CALO an appropriate placement for Student?
4. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for all costs and education related expenses, including private evaluations and counseling?
5. Should the Board be required to financially support the out of district placement at CALO through the end of the 2014-2015 extended school year?
6. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on February 13, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed the same day and conducted a Prehearing Conference on February 27, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2015. On April 14, 2015, the parties jointly requested a postponement of the hearing date and an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision because they were near agreement after mediating the issues in dispute. The parties' request was granted and the hearing date was postponed to May 26, 2015 and the mailing date of the Final Decision was postponed to May 29, 2015. On May 22, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had finalized their agreement and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The 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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
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