

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Woodbridge Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide appropriate programs for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and/or 2015-2016 and/or ESY 2015 school years?
2. Did the Board take into account the professional reports provided by Parents at various PPTs in developing the IEPs?
3. Is Villa Maria Academy an appropriate placement for Student?
4. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for tuition and education related expenses or financially support Student's education at Villa Maria Academy?
5. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

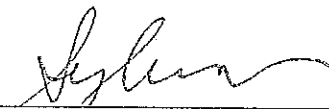
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on May 29, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on June 1, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on June 12, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for July 24, 2015. At the commencement of the hearing, the parties jointly requested an adjournment and to return on another hearing date and an extension of the mailing date of the Final Decision because they were in the process of negotiating the issues in dispute. The parties' request was granted and another hearing date was scheduled for August 24, 2015 and the mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to September 14, 2015 to accommodate the new hearing date. On August 17, 2015 the Parent's attorney requested that the hearing date be postponed because of a conflict due to a required court appearance. The hearing was rescheduled to September 24, 2015 and the mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to October 14, 2015. On September 11, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the Parent was withdrawing 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

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