

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Groton 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 appropriate programs for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years?
2. Did the Board conduct appropriate evaluations?
3. Did the Board predetermine the Student's program?
4. Were parents denied meaningful participation at PPTs?
5. If the Board did not offer appropriate programs, then is College Internship Program at the Berkshire Center appropriate?
6. If so, then should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for their expenses for Student's placement at College Internship Program at Berkshire Center?
7. If so, then should the Board be required to place Student at College Internship Program for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

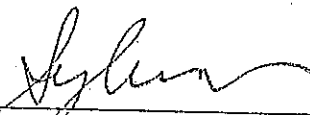
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on February 22, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 25, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on March 11, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for April 29, 2016. On April 27, 2016, the parties reported that they were continuing to negotiate the terms of an agreement and requested a thirty-day extension of the mailing date of the final decision. The request was granted and mailing date of the final decision was extended to June 6, 2016. The hearing was postponed to May 27, 2016. On May 16, 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

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Hearing Officer

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