

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Gwen Zittoun  
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

Did the District err when it denied Parent's request for a diagnostic placement for Student?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

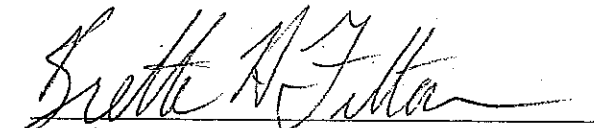
On April 25, 2016, the Board of Education received Parent's request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. The deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was July 8, 2016. On May 3, 2016, Parent sent an email to the Hearing Officer in which she indicated that the parties had engaged in mediation that day and that the matter had settled and she no longer required a hearing. Based on Parent's withdrawal, no prehearing conference was held and hearing dates were not set.

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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

Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print