

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Region 15 Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District fail to meet its obligations under Child Find pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1412(a)(3) and R.S.C.A. §10-76d-7?
2. Did the District fail to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2014-2015 school year?
3. If the District failed to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2014-2015 school year, did Parent's choice for unilateral placement, New Haven Residential Treatment Center provide an appropriate program for Student?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

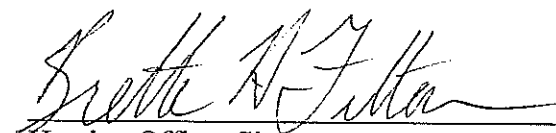
On June 3, 2015, the Board received a Special Education Due Process Hearing Request filed by Attorney for Student. The undersigned Hearing Officer was assigned on June 5, 2015. During the prehearing conference held on June 16, 2015, a hearing date of July 29, 2015 was set and the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established as August 17, 2015. On July 24, 2015, Attorney for the Student sent an email to the Hearing Officer in which he indicated the matter had settled and that Student was withdrawing the Special Education Due Process Hearing request with prejudice.

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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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Hearing Officer      Name in Print