

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Danbury Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

Parent *pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Did the Board offer an appropriate program in the least restrictive environment?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

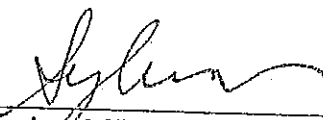
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on January 5, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on January 7, 2016. The Board filed a sufficiency challenge on January 14, 2016. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on January 18, 2016. Parent filed an Amended Hearing Request on January 24, 2016 and a second Prehearing Conference on February 4, 2016 wherein the parties agreed to engage in mediation with a state appointed mediator. The hearing was scheduled for March 24, 2016 and postponed to April 12, 2016 so that the parties could attend the scheduled mediation. On March 30, 2016, the Parent withdrew the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** without 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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