

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Bristol Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

*Pro Se*

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Was the Board evaluation appropriate?
2. Is the Board obligated to fund an Independent Educational Evaluation at public expense?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on March 1, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on March 3, 2016. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on March 11, 2016. On April 4, 2016, the Board withdrew its Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing because the Parents had notified the Board that they were withdrawing their request for an independent educational evaluation.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter 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

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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