# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education Greenwich Board of Education v. Student

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## **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

#### **ISSUES:**

- 1. Did the Board provide an appropriate program?
- 2. Were the Board's evaluations appropriate?
- 3. If not, is Parent entitled to an independent educational evaluation at public expense?

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed a Request for Hearing on June 16, 2016. A prehearing conference was conducted on July 13, 2016. The Board filed a Request for Hearing on July 27, 2016 and requested consolidation of both cases. A prehearing conference was conducted on August 11, 2016. On August 15, 2016, the Parent withdrew the Parent Hearing Request without prejudice and on August 17, 2016 the Board withdrew its Hearing Request 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

<u>Sylvia Ho</u>

Hearing Officer

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