

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail to offer an appropriate program for ESY 2014 and the 2014-2015 school years?
2. Is Darrow School an appropriate placement for Student?
3. If so, should the Parent be reimbursed for tuition and education related expenses Student's unilateral placement?
4. Does Student require a residential placement?
5. If so, should the Parent be reimbursed for costs of the residential placement?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on November 5, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on November 6, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on November 19, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for January 5 and January 12, 2015. On December 30, 2014, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had reached an agreement and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with 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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