

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Torrington Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Was the Student's alleged misconduct a manifestation of his disability?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested an expedited impartial special education hearing in the above-captioned matter on November 15, 2013. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed on November 18, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on November 22, 2013 and an evidentiary hearing was scheduled for December 12, 2013.

On December 6, 2013, Counsel for the Student requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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

ANN F. BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print