

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. West Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Robert L. Skelley, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Whether the Board offered an appropriate program for the Student for the Extended School Year (“ESY”) 2014 as well as the 2014-2015 school years?
2. If not, whether the Student requires a residential placement at The Learning Clinic in order to receive a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”)?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

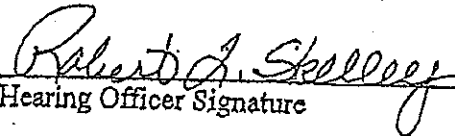
This matter was filed on April 4, 2014. A prehearing conference was held on April 15, 2014, from which the issues stated above were identified. The Parties agreed to participate in mediation, which was subsequently scheduled for May 29, 2014. An initial due process hearing was scheduled for June 24, 2014. The final decision and order date was set at July 18, 2014, following a verbal request by the Parties at the prehearing conference to extend the resolution period to allow for mediation to occur. On June 18, 2014, the Parents notified the Hearing Officer via email that the due process complaint was withdrawn with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The Parents have withdrawn this complaint, with prejudice. With no further issues to be decided, this 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

Robert L. Skelley, Esq.

Hearing Officer      Name in Print