

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Stratford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2014-15 School Year, including ESY 2014?
2. If not, should the Student be placed at the Center for Growth and Development?
3. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2012-13 School Year?
4. If not, what is an appropriate remedy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing on August 18, 2014. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on August 19, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on September 4, 2014. Attorney Jennifer Laviano appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Michelle Laubin appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the initial deadline for completing the hearings and issuing a final decision was October 31, 2014. The parties agreed to conduct the hearing on November 12, 2014. The deadline to file the final decision was extended to November 28, 2014.

The parties then reported that they had reached an agreement for resolution of the case. The hearing was rescheduled to December 15, 2014 and later to January 12, 2015. The deadline was also extended to March 6, 2015 in order to accommodate the parties' right to due process. On March 5, 2015, the Student reported that the dispute had been resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print