

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Sprague Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Anne Stearns, Surrogate Parent
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Appearing before: Sylvia Ho, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Is the Board financially responsible for payment of Student's 2014-2015 tuition and education related expenses?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:


The Surrogate Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 10, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 11, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on September 22, 2014. At the Prehearing Conference, the Hearing Officer issued an order of Stay Put in response to a request by the Surrogate Parent. The hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2014. On October 6, 2014, the parties jointly requested a postponement of the hearing date in order to obtain an Advisory Opinion on this matter. The parties' request was granted and the hearing date was postponed to November 19, 2014. The Advisory Opinion was assigned to Hearing Officer Ann Bird. On November 3, 2014, the Surrogate Parent reported to Hearing Officer Bird that the parties had settled their dispute and that the Surrogate 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 Name in Print