

May 14, 2013

Final Decision and Order 13-0386

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Parents, *Pro se*

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Appearing before: Mary H.B. Gelfman, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and a special education placement that were appropriate to the Student's special education needs for school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013?
2. If not, is the Board responsible for reimbursing the Parents' documented costs for Lindamood-Bell instruction, and tutoring services at the Southfield Center?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested by Parents on April 2, 2013. The Hearing Officer was appointed on the same day. The date for mailing the decision was June 16, 2013. At the pre-hearing conference on April 11, 2013, it was reported that a resolution session was being scheduled and that the Parties were considering mediation. The hearing was scheduled for May 20 and 22, 2013. On May 14, 2013, Parents notified the Hearing Officer that they had withdrawn their request for hearing with prejudice.

SUMMARY:

The Student is ten years old and in sixth grade. She is identified as in need of special education because of specific learning disabilities.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Because the request for hearing has been withdrawn, this matter is DISMISSED with prejudice, as requested by the Parties.