

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2014-2015 school year and extended school year?
2. Is Student's placement at Eagle Hill Southport appropriate?
3. If so, are the Parents entitled to reimbursement of tuition and education related expenses at Eagle Hill Southport?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:


The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on December 13, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on December 19, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on January 2, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for February 20, 2015. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to March 27, 2015 and the hearing was rescheduled to March 12, 2015 so that the parties could participate in voluntary mediation. On February 25, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the mediation resulted in a settlement of the dispute and that the 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