

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Weston Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the District deny Student a Free Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) for that portion of the 2012-2013 school year running from April 30, 2013 to the end of the 2013 school year?
2. Did the District deny the Student a FAPE for the Extended School Year (“ESY”) in the summer of 2013?
3. Did the District deny the Student a FAPE for the 2013-2014 school year?
4. Did the District deny the Student a FAPE for the ESY in the summer of 2014?
5. Did the District deny the Student a FAPE for the 2014-2015 school year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

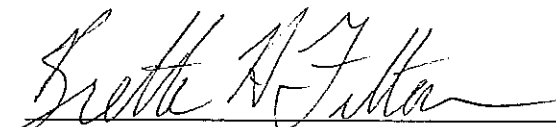
On April 30, 2015, the Board received a Special Education Due Process Hearing Request, filed by Parents. The undersigned Hearing Officer was assigned on May 1, 2015. During the Prehearing Conference held on May 8, 2015, hearing dates of June 26, 2015 and June 30, 2015 were set; and the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established as July 14, 2015. On June 17, 2015, the Attorney for the Parent requested the hearing dates be postponed to permit the parties to engage in mediation on June 30, 2015. This request was granted on June 18, 2015. Attorney for the Student requested an extension of the mailing deadline on July 9, 2015 to allow parties to finalize a settlement agreement and accommodate the hearing schedule. This request was granted on the same day it was requested and resulted in a new mailing deadline of August 13, 2015. A new hearing date of July 28, 2015 was established. On July 22, 2015, Attorney for the Student sent an email to the Hearing Officer indicating the matter had settled and Parents were withdrawing their hearing request without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed.

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

Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer Name in Print