

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Greenwich Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Abby Wadler
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Greenwich, CT 06830

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?
2. If not, does the Student require a small classroom learning environment of four or fewer children?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing on September 24, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on September 21, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on October 26, 2015. The Student's father appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Abbey Wadler appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was determined that the initial deadline for filing the Final Decision and Order was December 8, 2016. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for December 9, 2015 and December 21, 2015.

On October 23, 2015, the Board of Education submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to January 7, 2016. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties time to conduct a resolution meeting and to accommodate the scheduled hearing date and afford the parties due process. The parent objected to the requested postponement but it was granted and the deadline was extended to January 7, 2016.

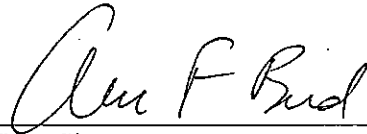
On December 9, 2015, the first evidentiary hearing was convened. At that time, the parties reported to the Impartial Hearing Officer that they had reached a written agreement for resolution of the dispute. The Student requested that the matter be dismissed as a result of the parties' written settlement agreement. The Board of Education did not object to dismissal of the matter.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the request of the Student for dismissal is granted and this matter 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

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print