

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Fairfield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board promptly identify the Student as a student with a disability being eligible for special education and related services under the IDEA?
2. Did the Board fail to offer FAPE in the 2014-2015 school year?
3. Did the Board fail offer FAPE in the 2015-2016 school year?
4. If the answer to Issues 2 or 3 are no, then is Ironwood an appropriate placement for student?
5. If Ironwood is an appropriate placement, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for their payment of tuition and education related costs at Ironwood?
6. Should the Board be required to reimburse parents for the costs of travel, evaluation and therapy expenses?
7. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

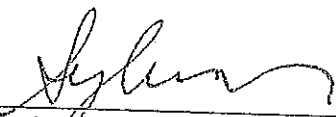
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on October 9, 2015. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on November 3, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for January 19, 2016. At the commencement of the hearing, the parties reported that they had executed a settlement agreement and the Parent withdrew 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