

March 24, 2016

Final Decision and Order 16-0404

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Meriden Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Leander A. Dolphin
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Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on March 8, 2016. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on March 10, 2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was scheduled for March 18, 2016 but did not take place due to schedule conflicts.

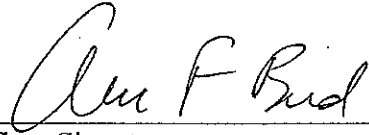
On March 21, 2016, the Student requested that the matter be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request 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