

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the student continue to require special education to meet her transition goals and needs?
2. If not, should the student be exited from special education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

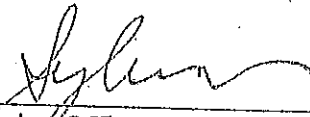
The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on June 20, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on June 21, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on July 1, 2016. The mailing date of the Final Decision was extended at the request of the parties so that they could engage in mediation. The hearing was scheduled for September 22, 2016. The hearing was rescheduled to November 1, 2016 in order to accommodate witness availability. The mailing date was extended to November 30, 2016. The hearing convened on November 1, 2016. The parties reported that they were continuing to mediate through a state appointed mediator and asked for a postponement of the presentation of evidence so that they could continue to try to resolve their dispute. The request was granted. The hearing was continued to November 28, 2016. At the November 28, 2016 hearing, the Parents' attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had come to an agreement and that the Parents were 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