STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Region 15 Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:	Attorney Piper Paul Law Office of Piper Paul LLC PO Box 126 Westport CT 06881
Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education:	Attorney Julie Fay Shipman & Goodwin LLP One Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103-1919
Appearing before:	Attorney Ann F. Bird Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Student entitled to seek remedies relating to the period before July 27, 2014?
2. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2014/2015 School Year?
3. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2015/2016 School Year including the 2015 Extended School Year?
4. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2016/2017 School Year including the 2016 Extended School Year?
5. Did the Board of Education evaluate the Student in all areas of suspected disability pursuant to its Child Find obligation?
6. Does the Student require a residential placement?
7. If the Student requires a residential placement, is Maplebrook appropriate?
8. If the Student requires a residential placement and Maplebrook is appropriate, should the Student be placed at Maplebrook and/or be reimbursed for the expense of the Maplebrook placement?
9. If the Board of Education did not offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for any of the above referenced periods, should the Student be placed at Maplebrook for two years as a compensatory education remedy?
10. If the Board of Education did not offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for any of the above referenced periods or if the Board of Education did not evaluate the Student in all areas of suspected disability pursuant to its Child Find obligation, should the Student be reimbursed for expenses related to the Child Find violation, including the expense of evaluations and/or a private advocate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on July 27, 2016. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on July 28,

2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on August 15, 2016. Attorney Piper Paul appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Julie Faye appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. At the conference it was established that the deadline for filing the final decision is October 7, 2016, and evidentiary hearings were scheduled for September 30, 2016 and October 27, 2016.

On September 10, 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).

Ann F Bird

Hearing Officer Signature

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print