

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide the Student with a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years and all relevant extended school year periods
2. Did the Board offer the Student an appropriate program (FAPE) for the 2016-2017 school year and extended school year periods;
3. If not, was Northstar Academy appropriate?
4. If so, should Parents be reimbursed for their education related expenses at Northstar Academy?
5. If not, is Spire School an appropriate placement?
6. If so, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for tuition and education related expenses of the unilateral placement at Spire School?
7. Should Parents be reimbursed with their payment for an evaluation by Dr. Schwartz?
8. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

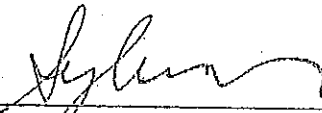
The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 20, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 21, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on September 29, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for December 16, 2016 wherein the mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to January 3, 2017 so that the parties could engage in mediation. On December 8, 2017, the Parents 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

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