

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Wilton Board of Education

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2015-16 and/or 2016-17 School Years?
 - a. If not, is the Winston Preparatory School appropriate for the Student?
 - b. If so, should the Student be placed at the Winston Preparatory School and/or reimbursed for the expense of his matriculation there?
2. If the Board did not offer the Student a free appropriate public education, should the Student receive compensatory education services?
3. Should the Board reimburse the Student for the expense of Dr. Koda's evaluation reports?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

On May 21, 2017 the Student requested a special education due process hearing. The Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to hear and decide the case on June 2, 2017. A prehearing conference was convened on June 15, 2017. At that time, the parties reported that the matter had been resolved in principal and that they required additional time to document their settlement. The deadline for filing the final decision and order was established to be August 8, 2017.

On July 30, 2017, the Student requested a postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to September 7, 2017. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow time to finalize the settlement agreement and it was granted. On August 11, 2017, the Student reported that the parties had finalized their settlement agreement and requested that the matter be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request is granted and the matter is dismissed with prejudice.