

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Region 13 Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Board of Education's Functional Behavior Assessment Appropriate?
  - (a) If not, is the Student entitled to an independent Functional Behavior Assessment at public expense?
2. Is the Board of Education's Occupational Therapy Evaluation Appropriate?
  - (a) If not, is the Student entitled to an independent Occupational Therapy Assessment at public expense?
3. Is the Behavior Intervention Plan Appropriate?
  - (a) If not, is the Easton Country Day School Appropriate?
  - (b) If the Easton Country Day School is appropriate, should the Student be reimbursed for the expense of the Easton Country Day School for the Extended Year 2018 and the 2018-19 School Year?
4. Is it necessary for the Student to have social skills services in individual and group sessions with Dr. Caley Schwartz in order for the Student to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education?
  - (a) If so, should social skills services in individual and group sessions with Dr. Caley Schwartz be added to the Student's program?
5. Should Julio Ruiz be removed from the Student's PPT?

6. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for expenses associated with outside speech and language therapy, therapy and social skills services not reimbursed by insurance?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student initiated this special education due process case on June 5, 2018. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to hear the case on June 5, 2018. A Prehearing Conference was convened on June 19, 2018. Attorney Piper Paul appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Rebecca Santiago appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is August 17, 2018. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for August 8, 2018.

On August 7, 2018, the Student requested that the matter be withdrawn or dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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