

December 20, 2018

Final Decision and Order 19-0170

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stratford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Whether the Student was denied FAPE for the 2018-2019 school year, and the ESY?
2. Whether the Board denied the Student's Parents procedural Due Process by ignoring the Parents' input and making categorical decisions?
3. Whether the Board should be responsible for providing the Student with compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parents brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on September 24, 2018. The Hearing Officer was appointed on the same day. A Prehearing Telephone Conference took place on September 28, 2018. Following that conference, an initial hearing was scheduled for December 3, 2018. On November 28, 2018, the Parents requested an extension of the hearing date, and the mailing date. The Board had no objection. On November 29, 2018, the Hearing Officer granted both requests. The mailing date was extended to January 29, 2019. The hearing was continued to January 3, 2019. On December 18, 2018, the Parents notified the Hearing Officer that the parties reached a settlement agreement, and that the Parents were withdrawing the matter with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED**