

ISSUES:

1. Were the IEP and placement offered by the Board in 1997-98 and 1998-99 a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for Student?
2. If not, was placement at Eagle Hill-Southport appropriate to Student's special education needs?
3. Is the Board responsible for funding Student's placement at Eagle Hill-Southport for 1997-98 and 1998-99?

PROCEDURAL SUMMARY:

This case was requested on October 22, 1998. On October 28, 1998, the Hearing Officer assigned to the case recused herself, and on October 29, 1998, a new Hearing Officer was appointed. A pre-hearing conference was held on November 2, 1998. At the first hearing session on January 26, 1999, the parties requested an opportunity to negotiate a settlement of the case. Hearing sessions scheduled for January 27, February 16, and March 8, 1999, were cancelled at the request of the parties as they continued to negotiate. By letter dated March 22, 1999, the Parents informed the Hearing Officer that an agreement had been executed and withdrew the request for a hearing. Thereupon, the Hearing Officer closed the record of the hearing.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The request for hearing having been withdrawn, this matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.