# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Weston Board of Education

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## **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

#### **ISSUES:**

- 1. Was the student eligible for special education services in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years?
- 2. If so, did the Board deny the student a free an appropriate education?
- 3. If the Board denied student a free and appropriate education, is student entitled to tuition and education related expenses?

# PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent brought the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on April 24, 2013. The Hearing Officer conducted a prehearing conference on May 2, 2103. The parties agreed to voluntary mediation with a state appointed mediator. The mediation was scheduled for July 16, 2013. Upon their request, the mailing date of the Final Decision was extended to August 7 from July 7. The hearing was scheduled for July 29, 2013. The hearing commenced on July 29, 2013. The Board's attorney and the parent pro se appeared and reported that the parties had settled their dispute. The parent requested a withdrawal of the Complaint with prejudice.

## FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.