# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

### FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

#### **ISSUES:**

- 1. Whether the Board failed to offer the Student an appropriate program for ESY 2013 and the 2013-14 school year;
- 2. Whether the Parents shall be reimbursed for the Student's placement at Eagle Hill Southport for ESY 2013 and the 2013-14 school year.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY/DISCUSSION:

This hearing request was received by the Board on August 21, 2013, and a prehearing conference convened on August 29, 2013. At the prehearing conference the attorneys for both parties confirmed that the parties agreed to mediate this case

The Parents' request for an extension of the mailing date of the decision was granted so that the parties had sufficient time to settle this case, and a hearing date of October 28, 2013 was scheduled. Prior to the first hearing date, the Parents' attorney submitted notification that the parties had resolved the case and that the Parents were withdrawing their request for due process with prejudice. Therefore, this matter is dismissed.

#### FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).

Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim Hearing Officer