STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Trumbull Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Ann F. Bird, Esq. Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the Trumbull Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education from September 11, 2011 to the present?
- 2. If not, is the Student's unilateral placement appropriate?
- 3. If not, what remedies are appropriate?
- 4. Did the Trumbull Board of Education exercise its "Childfind" responsibility in a timely fashion?
- 5. If not, what remedies are appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education hearing on September 11, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted with Attorney Phillip Cohn representing the Student and Attorney Marsha Moses representing the Trumbull Board of Education on September 20, 2013. Hearings were scheduled for November 19, 2013 and November 21, 2013. Those hearing dates were later cancelled and postponed first to December 4, 2013 and then to January 3, 2014 at the request of the Student. The January 3, 2014 date was also cancelled.

On January 8, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had settled the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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).

Hearing Officer Signature

Hearing Officer

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