STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the Board's proposed program for the 2013-2014 school year provide student with a Free Appropriate Public Education in the Least Restrictive Environment?
- 2. If the Board's proposed program for 2013-2014 did not provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education in the Least Restrictive Environment, is the out-of district placement at Glenholme School the appropriate program?
- 3. Did the Board violate Student's procedural and substantive rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act by not proposing and/or providing an Extended School Year program during the summer of 2013?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

On October 16, 2013, the Wilton Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. The undersigned hearing officer was appointed on October 17, 2013. On November 19, 2013, a prehearing conference was held and the deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as December 30, 2013. On December 5, 2013, Counsel for the Student withdrew the Student's hearing request.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

In light of the above facts, the case 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

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