# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Redding Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

#### FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

### **ISSUES:**

1. Did the Redding Board of Education ("Board") fail to provide the Student a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") for the 2012-2013 school year?

2. Did the Board fail to provide the Student with a FAPE for the 2013-2014 school year?

- 3. Did the Board fail to provide the Student with a FAPE by failing to provide an extended school year ("ESY") program for the summer 2012-2013 school year?
- 4. Are the Parents entitled to reimbursement for their unilateral placement of the Student at the Westport Day School?
- 5. Are the Parents entitled to reimbursement for their unilateral placement of the Student in the ESY 2012-2013 summer program at Westport Day School?

# **PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

This complaint was filed on March 3, 2014. A prehearing conference was held on March 18, 2014, from which the above issues were identified for hearing. An initial due process hearing was set for May 1, 2014. The Parties engaged in settlement discussions. On April 21, 2014, via email, counsel for the Parents withdrew the complaint, with prejudice.

# **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

This matter was withdrawn with prejudice by the Parents following the completion of settlement discussions. With no further issues to be decided, this matter is DISMISSED with prejudice.

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).

Learing Officer Signature

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Hearing Officer

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