STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Region 4 Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education meet its Child Find obligation regarding the Student?

- 2. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education, including extended school year services, for the 2012-13, 2013-14 and/or 2014-15 School Years?
- 3. If not, were and/or are the Student's unilateral placements at the Wilderness Treatment Center and/or the Crossroads Academy appropriate?
- 4. If so, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expenses of his private placements at the Wilderness Treatment Center and/or Crossroads Academy, including related tuition, tutoring and counseling?
- 5. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?
- 6. Did the Board of Education conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on September 16, 2014. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed on September 16, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on September 22, 2014. Attorney Phillip Cohn appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Susan Freedman appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The deadline for filing the final decision in this case was established to be November 28, 2014. Hearings were scheduled for November 10, 2014 and November 13, 2014. On October 28, 2014 the Student reported that the parties had settled the case and requested that the matter be dismissed.

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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