STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq. Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2015-2016 school year and extended school year?
- 2. Is CCCD an appropriate placement for Student?
- 3. Should the Board be required to financially support Student's tuition and education related expenses including transportation for the out of district placement at CCCD?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on May 4, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on May 7, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on May 21, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for July 17, 2015. On June 22, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported that the parties had settled their dispute and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The 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).

Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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