# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bristol Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq. Hearing Officer

### **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

### **ISSUES:**

1. Is the Board's evaluation appropriate?

2. If not, are parents entitled to an independent educational evaluation at public expense?

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on August 2, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on August 6, 2015. The Prehearing Conference was conducted on August 27, 2015. On October 9, 2015, the Board's attorney informed the Hearing Officer that Board was withdrawing its Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

#### **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** without 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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