STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq. Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Did the Board fail to convene a manifestation determination PPT prior to implementing discipline that resulted in a change in the Student's placement?
- 2. Did the Board predetermine that the behavior in question was not the result of Student's disability without holding a PPT?
- 3. Was the behavior in question caused by, or have a direct and substantial relationship to the Student's disability?
- 4. Was the behavior in question the direct result of the Board's failure to implement the Student's IEP?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on November 7, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on November 7, 2016. On November 10, 2016, the Hearing Officer issued a Prehearing Conference notice with a request for status of the Student's placement. The Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had resolved the dispute and the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The 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

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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