

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Darien Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2016-2017 School Year and Extended School Year?
2. If not, is the Forman School appropriate?
3. If the Forman School is appropriate, should the Student be reimbursed for the expenses of the Forman School and/or be placed at the Forman School?
4. If the Forman School is not appropriate, is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student filed this due process case on November 30, 2016. The deadline for submitting the decision was February 13, 2017. A prehearing conference was conducted on February 8, 2017. Attorney Lawrence Berliner appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Andreana Bellach appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The parties reported that they had reached a settlement of the case, and were awaiting signatures on the document.

On February 8, 2017, counsel for the Student submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to March 15, 2017. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to accommodate the settlement process. Counsel for the Board of Education agreed to the requested postponement and it was granted. On, March 2, 2017, the Student reported that the settlement had been finalized and requested that the matter be withdrawn or dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request is granted and the matter is dismissed.