

**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 from January 11, 2015 to the present, including the extended school year in 2016?
 - (a) If not, is Eagle Hill appropriate?
 - (b) If so, should the Student be placed and/or reimbursed for Eagle Hill?
 - (c) Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?
2. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expense of the Kruger evaluation?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on January 11, 2017. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on January 17, 2017. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened 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. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for March 27, 2017.

The deadline for filing the final decision was initially March 27, 2017. On March 12, 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 April 26, 2017. The Board of Education did not object and the request was granted. On March 16, 2017, the Student reported that the parties resolved their dispute and requested that the matter be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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