

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and East Haddam Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board of Education fulfill its Child Find obligation regarding the Student?
2. Is the Student eligible for special education or related services?
3. If the Student is eligible, did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education from January 24, 2015 to the present, including extended year services?
  - (a) If not, did the Student require a residential placement for educational purposes?
  - (b) If so, were the Newport Academy and/or the Northwest Academy appropriate?
  - (c) If one or both were appropriate, should the Student be reimbursed for the expenses of the placement and/or should the Student be placed at Northwest Academy?
4. Should the Student receive compensatory education services from the Board of Education in the form of payment for placement and related services at Northwest Academy and related expenses for one year, as well as reimbursement for educationally related expenses incurred by the Student during the relevant time, including the cost of Bacon Academy, therapy not covered by insurance, including therapy at the Rushford Center, the expense of an education consultant to advocate for the Student and the cost of travel for the Student and parent to and from Northwest Academy?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on January 24, 2017. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on January 26, 2017. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on February 14, 2017. Attorney Phillip Cohn appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Frederick Dorsey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The initial deadline for issuing the final decision and order was established to be April 7, 2017.

March 2, 2017

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On March 1, 2017, the Student reported that the parties resolved the dispute and requested that the matter be dismissed.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

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