

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Vernon 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 evaluate the Student appropriately from February 13, 2015?
2. Did the Board of Education provide the Student a Free Appropriate Public from February 13, 2015 forward?
3. Did the Board of Education provide the Student a program in the least restrictive environment?
4. Is the Vernon Central Middle School TLC program appropriate for the Student?
  - a. If so, should the Student be placed at the Vernon Central Middle School TLC program?
5. Is the Student entitled to an independent education evaluation in reading and/or writing at public expense?
6. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on February 13, 2017. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on February 21, 2017. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on March 7, 2017. Attorney Catherine Cushman appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Craig Meuser appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The initial deadline for filing the final decision is April 28, 2017. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for April 6, 2017, April 17, 2017 and April 26, 2017. On April 3, 2017, the Student reported that the parties resolved their dispute at mediation 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.