

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Newington 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 offer an appropriate program for the 2018-2019 School Year?
2. If not, is Ben Bronz an appropriate program for the Student for the 2018-2019 School Year?
3. If so, should the Student be placed at Ben Bronz for the 2018-2019 School Year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student initiated this special education due process case on May 21, 2018. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on May 22, 2018. A Prehearing Conference was convened on June 20, 2018. Attorney Courtney Spencer appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Rebecca Santiago appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is August 3, 2018. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for August 16, 2018.

On June 20, 2018 the Student requested a postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to August 31, 2018. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties an opportunity to engage in mediation. The Board of Education agreed to the requested postponement and it was granted.

On August 8, 2018, the Student reported that the matter had been settled and requested that the case be withdrawn or dismissed with prejudice.

August 27, 2018

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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