

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Fairfield Board of Education

Case No. 18-0086

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2015-16, 2016-17 and/or 2017-18 school years, including extended school years?
2. If not, should the Board be required to reimburse the Parents for the expense of a placement at Villa Maria for the 2017-18 school year or for the cost of the Parents' placement at Eagle Hill for the summer of 2017?
3. If the Board did not offer the Student FAPE for the 2015-16 or 2017-18 school years, are the Parents entitled to compensatory education as an equitable remedy for the Board's denial of FAPE?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on August 11, 2017 (as amended on September 12th and September 19th). The Hearing Officer was appointed on August 14, 2017. The Hearing Officer wrote the parties and scheduled a Prehearing Conference on August 16, 2017. The first Prehearing Conference took place on August 25, 2017. As a result of the amendments to the Due process Complaint, a second prehearing Conference took place on September 29, 2017.

On December 1, 2017, a hearing took place. At that hearing, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, and the Parents withdrew their Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.

December 4, 2017