

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Westport Board of Education

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Appearing on behalf of the Board:	Marsha Moses, Esq. Berchem, Moses & Devlin, PC 75 Broad Street Milford, CT 06460
Appearing before:	Patrick L. Kennedy, Esq. Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the student denied FAPE for the 2015-16 school year?
2. Was the student denied FAPE for the 2016-17 school year?
3. Was the student denied FAPE for the 2017-18 school year?
4. If the board has denied FAPE, is the CIP transition program in Lee an appropriate one for the student?
5. Depending on the answers to the foregoing, should the board provide reimbursement for tuition and other costs incurred as a result of the placement at CIP?
6. Should the student be provided with compensatory education?
7. Should the Board be required to provide the student with an independent evaluation of transition needs?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

Case 18-0184 was commenced by the parents by request received by the Board on October 31, 2017. A prehearing conference was held on November 15, 2017. At the prehearing conference, hearing dates were set for January 3, 2018 and January 11, 2018 and the decision date was determined to be January 12, 2018. The scheduled hearing dates were subsequently cancelled and the decision date extended to February 13, 2018.

On January 24, 2018, the undersigned hearing officer was advised by the attorney for the parents that the parties had reached a settlement in the case and the matter should therefore be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is dismissed with prejudice.