

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide FAPE for the 2 years prior to the filing of the Hearing Request?
2. Did the Board offer FAPE for 2017-2018 school year and ESY?
3. If #1 or 2 are in the negative, is Villa Maria appropriate?
4. If so, should the Board be required to pay for placement of Student at Villa Maria, including transportation costs?
5. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for Dr. Kruger's evaluations?
6. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on November 14, 2018. The Hearing Officer was appointed on November 14, 2017 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on November 20, 2018. The hearing was scheduled for January 22, 2018. On January 18, 2018, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had settled their dispute and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.