

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Groton Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 school years including the 2016 and 2017 extended school years?
2. If not, is placement at Bierman School the appropriate program for the Student for the 2017-18 school year and should the Board be ordered to place the Student at Bierman School for the 2017-18 school year?
3. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on December 12, 2018. The Hearing Officer was appointed on December 14, 2018 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on January 24, 2018. The Parents' request to extend the mailing date to engage in mediation was granted. The mailing date was extended to March 23, 2018 and the hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2018. On March 14, 2018, the Parents withdrew their request for hearing without prejudice.

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The matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.