

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the program offered by the District for the 2017-2018 school year appropriate and provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If not;
2. Should the Student be placed at M.D. Fox Rise Academy for the 2017-2018 school year?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq.

The Parent was not in agreement with the program offered by the Board for the 2017-2018 school year. The Parent requested that the Student be placed at M.D. Fox Rise Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. The District refused the Parent's request.

The District received notice of the Student's request for due process on March 12, 2018. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 12, 2018, and prehearing conference was

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scheduled for March 15, 2018. The Parent retained an attorney and the conference was rescheduled for March 20, 2018.

In an electronic transmission, the Student's attorney informed the hearing officer that the matter was being withdrawn without prejudice. There was no objection by the Board.

The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is May 26, 2018.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.**