

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board of Education fail to provide the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education from August 21, 2017 through August 20, 2019?
  - a. If so, is the Small Talk 4 Kids program appropriate?
  - b. If the Small Talk 4 Kids program is appropriate, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expense of the Small Talk 4 Kids program?
  - c. If the Small Talk 4 Kids program is appropriate, should the Board place the Student in that program?
2. If the Board of Education failed to provide the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education from August 21, 2017 through August 20, 2019, is the Student entitled to compensatory education?
3. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement from the Board of Education for the expense of a psychological evaluation and services from Caley Schwartz, PhD, services from Communication Clinic of Connecticut, LLC and/or a speech and language evaluation by Caitlin Ingraham?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student initiated this special education due process case on August 20, 2019. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on August 20, 2019. A Prehearing Conference was convened on September 3, 2019. Attorney Jillian Griswold appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Abby Wadler appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is

November 1, 2019. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for October 10, 2019, October 21, 2019 and November 1, 2019.

On October 7, 2019, the Student requested that the matter be withdrawn or dismissed with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The Student's request is granted and the matter is dismissed with prejudice.