

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Coventry Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of Student:

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Appearing before:

Janis C. Jerman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by Student's Surrogate Parent on November 8, 2013.¹ It was received by Board of Education's ("BOE's") Attorney on November 8. The 30-day resolution period ended December 8. The deadline to mail the final decision and order is January 22, 2013.

A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on November 25. Mr. Boyle and Attorney Trainer appeared on behalf of Student and Attorney Littlefield appeared on behalf of BOE. The following issue was identified: Whether the Board of Education should refer Student to and place Student at Grace Webb or Northwest Village School at public expense?

The parties participated in mediation on December 20. The Due Process Unit notified the Hearing Officer that the parties reached an agreement at mediation. The parties did not communicate with the Hearing Officer as to the status of the mediation.

Via Order dated December 28, the Hearing Officer indicated that the matter would be dismissed for failure to prosecute if, by January 3, 2014, the party who requested the hearing did not either submit a withdrawal based on a mediated agreement or notify the Hearing Officer so that hearing dates could be scheduled.

Neither a withdrawal nor request for hearing dates was submitted by any party after mediation.

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In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is dismissed.

¹ All dates are 2013 unless otherwise indicated.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20 United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A)..



Hearing Officer Signature

JANIS C. JERZMAN

Hearing Officer

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