

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bolton Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Student eligible for Special Education Services under the IDEA?
2. If so, did the Bolton Board of Education (“Board”) commit substantive and procedural violations and deny the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) by failing to provide an appropriate individualized education program (“IEP”) with the appropriate services?
3. Is the Student entitled to specialized services for speech and language issues?
4. Did the Board fail to meet its Child Find obligations with this Student?
5. If the Board denied the Student a FAPE, is the Student entitled to compensatory services as a result?
6. Was the Student a victim of bullying, and if so, did the bullying rise to the level that it prevented the Student from having a FAPE?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The complaint was filed on behalf of the Parents and Student on January 8, 2014. A prehearing conference was held on January 29, 2014, from which the issues listed above were identified. The initial due process hearing was set for March 7, 2014. On February 26, 2014, the Parties requested an extension of the negotiation period for settlement purposes. That request was granted, with the hearing date being moved to April 28, 2014. This also necessitated the moving of the final decision and order date to May 8, 2014. On April 8, 2014, the Parents withdrew the complaint, with prejudice, citing settlement with the Board

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On April 8, 2014, the Parents withdrew the complaint, in writing, with prejudice. Having no further issues to be resolved, this matter is DISMISSED, with prejudice.