

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bloomfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Craig Meuser
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Did the district err when it found that the behavior that was the basis for the expulsion of Student was not a manifestation of Student's disability?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

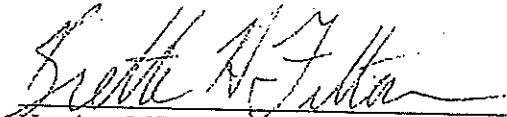
On January 28, 2014, the Bloomfield Board of Education received a request for an expedited due process hearing. A prehearing conference was held on February 5, 2014. The hearing was scheduled to occur within 20 school days after the receipt of the hearing request. Due to two cancellations due to snow and a scheduled school holiday, the 20th school day fell on February 28, 2014. The decision was scheduled to be rendered within 10 days of the last date of hearing. On February 6, 2014, Parent withdrew the hearing request.

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

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

Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer Name in Print