

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Easton Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide appropriate programs for the 2012 – 2013, ESY 2013 and 2013-2014 school years?
2. Should the Board have offered ESY 2014?
3. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2014-2015 school year?
4. Is Sand Hill Child Development Center an appropriate placement for Student, and if so, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for tuition and education related expenses for their unilateral placement of Student at Sand Hill?
5. Does the Student require a residential placement, and if so, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents?
6. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for payment of private evaluations of Student?
7. Should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for their payments for educational related expenses for Student in the 2013-2014 school year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:


The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 3, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 4, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on September 24, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2014. On October 20, 2014, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had executed a mediation agreement and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

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

Sylvia Ho
Hearing Officer Name in Print