

February 24, 2015

Final decision and Order 15-0330

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Manchester Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

What is the appropriate program for the Student for the 2014-2015 academic year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

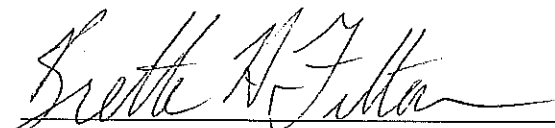
On January 26, 2015, the Manchester Board of Education received Parents' Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. The undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed on January 29, 2015. The deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was April 10, 2015. On February 9, 2015, a prehearing conference with Parent and Attorney for the Board was held, during which an interpreter was requested by Parent and the prehearing conference was ended so that arrangements could be made to have an interpreter participate in a second prehearing conference. On February 23, 2015, prior to the rescheduling of the prehearing conference, the undersigned Hearing Officer received a letter for Attorney for the Parent in which she indicated that the Parents were withdrawing their hearing request without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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