

March 20, 2015

Final Decision and Order 15-0341

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Plymouth Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer appropriate programs for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years?
2. If not, is placement at QUILT Autism and Speech Center appropriate?
3. If so, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for payment of tuition and education related expenses for Student's unilateral placement at QUILT Autism and Speech Center?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:


The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on January 26, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 6, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on February 20, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for April 7, 2015. On March 18, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had settled their disagreement 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