

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stratford Board of Education/Stratford Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq., Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Developmental Assessment Evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, are the Parents entitled to an independent developmental assessment evaluation (IEE) at public expense?
3. Is the Speech and Language Evaluation appropriate?
4. If not, are the Parents entitled to an independent speech and language evaluation (IEE) at public expense?
5. Was the program provided by the Board for the 2014-2015 school year appropriate and did it provide the Student with a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?
6. Did the summer of 2015 extended school year provide the Student with FAPE?
7. Was the program provided by the Board for the 2015-2016 school year appropriate and does it provide the Student with FAPE in the LRE?
8. Does the Student require an ABA program for the 2015-2016 school year in order to receive FAPE in the LRE?
9. Should the Board reimburse the Parents for the cost of the evaluation performed by Dr. Olive?
10. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of FAPE?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

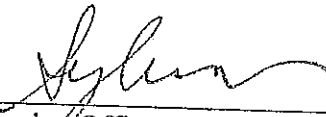
This matter is a consolidation of *Stratford Board of Education v. Student*, case number 16-0282, filed on December 10, 2015 and *Student v. Stratford Board of Education*, case number 16-0297, filed on December 21, 2015. Conferences were conducted on December 28 and 30, 2015. The two cases were consolidated on January 5, 2016. A hearing was scheduled for February 8, 2016. The mailing date of the Final Decision for the consolidated case is March 3, 2016. At the commencement of the hearing, the parties reported that they had settled their dispute and requested that this consolidated matter be dismissed 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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
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