

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Region 8 Board of Education v. Student
Student v. Region 8 Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Were the Board's 2014 reevaluations appropriate?
2. If not, are Parents entitled to an independent neuropsychological evaluation at public expense?
3. Was the program offered by the Board for the 2015-2016 school year appropriate and does it provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If not;
4. Should the Board place the Student at Watkinson School for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at public expense?
5. Did the Board predetermine the Student's program prior to the planning and placement team (PPT) meeting?
6. Did the Board allow the Parents to be meaningful participants of the PPT?
7. Should the Board reimburse the Parents for out of pocket expenses?
8. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of FAPE?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

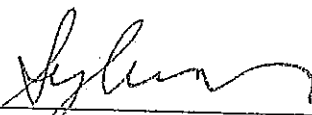
The Board filed a Request for Hearing on March 7, 2016. The Parents filed a Request for Hearing on March 28, 2016. Prehearing Conferences were conducted on March 22, 2016 and April 5, 2018. The hearing was scheduled for May 13, 2016 and postponed to June 3, 2016. On May 20, the Parents withdrew their Hearing Request without prejudice and on May 25, 2016, the Board withdrew its Hearing Request without prejudice.

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The matters are **DISMISSED** without 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