

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide an appropriate program for the 2015-2016 school year, including ESY?
2. If not, was Wise Learning Center an appropriate placement?
3. If so, should the Board be required to reimburse parents for tuition and education related services at Wise Learning Center?
4. If not, was Child Guidance Center an appropriate placement?
5. If so, should the Board be required to reimburse parents for tuition and education related expenses at Child Guidance Center?
6. If not, was Spire School an appropriate placement?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

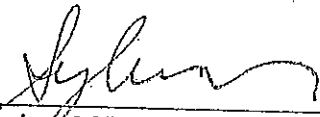
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on August 26, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on August 29, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on September 15, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for September 29, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the Parents withdrew the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print