

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and North Haven Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board of Education provide the Student a free appropriate public education between November 14, 2014 and June 9, 2016?
2. If not, is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on November 14, 2016. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on November 14, 2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on December 6, 2016. Attorney Elizabeth Adams appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Linda Yoder appeared on behalf of the Board of Education.

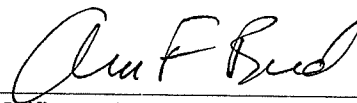
The initial deadline for issuing the final decision was January 27, 2017. A hearing was scheduled for February 1, 2017. On December 6, 2016, the parties jointly submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to February 24, 2017. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to accommodate the hearing date and allow the parties to participate in mediation. The request was granted. On January 30, 2017, the Student requested that the matter be withdrawn or dismissed.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that the Student's request is granted and the matter 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).



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Hearing Officer Signature

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