

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Region 15 Board of Education

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Appearing before: Laura Share, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years, including the 2017 and 2018 extended school years?
2. If not, is the Board required to contract with Dr. Golonka and his staff for the 2018-19 school year?
3. If not, is the student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Student initiated this special education due process case on 7/2/18. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to this case on 7/3/18. A Prehearing Conference was convened on 7/26/18. Attorney Webner appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Fay appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is 9/15/18. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for 9/10/18.

On 7/27/18, Attorney Spencer requested an extension of the mailing date. On 8/22/18, Attorney Spencer requested a postponement of the first day of hearing scheduled for 9/10/18 to accommodate mediation and again requested an extension of the mailing date. The Board consented to said extension and postponement. On 8/26/18, the first day of hearing was postponed to 10/15/18 and the deadline for filing the final decision in this case was extended to 10/15/18.

On 9/27/18, Attorney Fay reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties resolved the subject matter. On said date, Attorney Spencer also reported to the Hearing Officer that she

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would like to withdraw the subject due process complaint since the parties finalized a settlement agreement.

ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.