

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the District fail to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") for the 2014-2015 school year?
2. Did the District fail to provide Student with a FAPE for the Extended School Year during the summer of 2015?
3. Did the District fail to provide Student with a FAPE for 2015-2016 school year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**


On August 25, 2015, the Board received Student's request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing, and the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed. During the prehearing conference held on September 8, 2015, hearing dates of October 29, 2015 and November 3, 2015 were set and the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established as November 6, 2015. On September 18, 2015, the Attorney for the Student withdrew Student's request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

In light of the above facts, the case 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).

  
Hearing Officer Signature

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Hearing Officer          Name in Print