# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student, v. Stamford Board of Education

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**Hearing Officer** 

## FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

## **ISSUES**:

- 1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2017-2018 school year?
- 2. If not, is placement at the Harvey School the appropriate program for the 2017-2018 school year and should the Board be ordered to place the student at Harvey School for the 2017-2018 school year and refund any tuition paid by the parents?

### PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Student brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on June 30, 2017. The Hearing Officer was appointed on July 6, 2017. The Prehearing Conference was held on July 13, 2017. At the Prehearing Conference, all the parties orally requested extensions of the date for hearing and deadline for mailing of final decision. The hearing date was set for September 14, 2017, and October 3, 4 and 5, 2017, by agreement of the parties, and the latest date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was agreed to be November 20, 2017.

On September 6, 2017, the Hearing Officer was informed that the parties had reached a settlement and the parties were in the process of finalizing their agreement. They requested a postponement of the first day of the hearings (September 14, 2017) which was granted. On September 29, 2017, the Student withdrew the complaint with prejudice, so all subsequent hearing dates were cancelled.

### FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.