

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. West Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 school years including the 2017 and 2018 extended school years?
2. If not, should the Board be ordered to reimburse the Parents for their residential placement of the Student at Second Nature during the 2018-2019 school year?
3. If not, is residential placement at Vista Magna School the appropriate program for the Student for the 2018-2019 school year and should the Board be ordered to place the Student residentially at Vista Magna School for the 2018-2019 school year?
4. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on January 31, 2019. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 1, 2019. On February 28, 2019, the Parents withdrew the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

March 19, 2019

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