

November 3, 2014

Final Decision and Order 15-0113

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Wilton 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 offer the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2014-15 School Year?
2. If not, is Villa Maria appropriate for the Student?
3. If so, should the Student be reimbursed for the expense of the Villa Maria program and related services and transportation?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested this special education due process hearing on August 25, 2014. The Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on August 25, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on September 5, 2014. Attorney Andrew Feinstein appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for completing the hearings and issuing a final decision was November 7, 2014. The parties agreed to conduct the hearing on October 23, 2014.

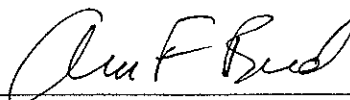
The hearing was convened on October 23, 2014. At that time, the Student and the Board of Education reported that they had reached a settlement resolving the matter and the Student requested that the matter be dismissed.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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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