

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board deny Student a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") for the 2012-2013 school year?
2. Did the Board deny Student a FAPE for the 2013-2014 school year?
3. Is the Student's program for 2014-2015 appropriate?
4. If the Student's program for the 2014-2015 school year is not appropriate, what is the appropriate program?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

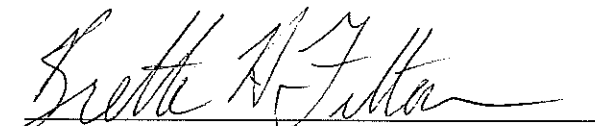
On August 28, 2014, the Hartford Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. On September 3, 2014, the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed. On October 2, 2014, a prehearing conference was held during which the hearing date of November 17, 2014 was set and the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was established as November 11, 2014. During the prehearing conference, an extension of the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was requested to allow for the parties to participate in settlement negotiations and accommodate the hearing schedule. This request was granted and a new deadline was established as December 11, 2014. On November 10, 2014, Counsel for the Student withdrew the hearing request.

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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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