

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Fairfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Attorney Phillip Cohn  
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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board of Education fulfill its Child Find obligation?
2. Is the Student eligible to receive special education or related services?
3. If so, did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education from October 22, 2012 to the present?
4. If not, were Allynwood and/or Hyde School appropriate programs for the Student?
5. Is the Hyde School program appropriate for the Student going forward?
6. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expenses of the Allynwood and/or the Hyde School programs?
7. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

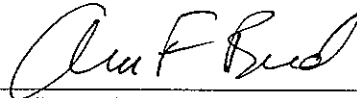
The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on October 22, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on November 13, 2014. Attorney Phillip Cohn appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Michelle Laubin appeared on behalf of the Fairfield Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for completing the hearing and issuing a final decision in the case is January 5, 2015. A hearing was scheduled to take place on January 15, 2015. On December 8, 2014, the Student reported that the dispute had been resolved at mediation, and requested that the case 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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