

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Appearing before:

Sylvia Ho, Esq., Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail to identify Student as being an eligible Student with a Disability under the IDEA?
2. Did the Board provide appropriate programs from May 2013 through 2013-2014 school year and 2014-2015 school year and extended school years?
3. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2015-2016 school year?
4. If not, was the Second Nature wilderness therapeutic program appropriate?
5. If so, should the Board be required to reimburse parents for the costs and education related expenses at the Second Nature wilderness program?
6. If not, was the Calbrook School appropriate?
7. Does Student require residential placement?
8. Should Board be required to reimburse Parents for the costs of tuition and education related expenses and/or the costs of residential placement?
9. Should the Board be required to financially support Student's tuition and education related expenses and/or residential placement at the Calbrook School?
10. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on May 1, 2015. The Hearing Officer was appointed on May 4, 2015 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on May 19, 2015. The hearing was scheduled for June 26, 2015. On June 19, 2015, the Parent's attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had resolved their dispute and the Parents were withdrawing the Hearing Request.

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The 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).



Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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