

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Susan Freedman  
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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Board's proposed transition program for the Student appropriate?
2. If the Board's proposed transition program is not appropriate, is the Disability Network program the appropriate program for the Student?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

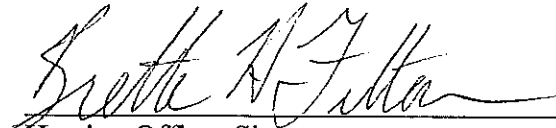
On July 10, 2015, the Bridgeport Board of Education received Student's Special Education Due Process Hearing Request. The undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed on July 6, 2015. During the prehearing conference held on July 15, 2015, the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established as Friday, September 23, 2015. On July 16, 2015, at a second prehearing conference, the parties indicated that an agreement was anticipated shortly. On August 3, 2015, in response to an email requesting the status of the case, Parent indicated that the matter had resolved, but that Parent was awaiting receipt of the Individualized Education Program documenting that Student's transition program was the one agreed upon before withdrawing the hearing request. On August 5, 2015, Parent sent an email to the Hearing Officer indicating that she had received the documentation she needed in order to withdraw 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

Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print