

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and New Britain Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Board of Education's evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, is the Student entitled to an independent evaluation at public expense?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on October 15, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on October 22, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was scheduled to take place on October 29, 2015.

On October 27, 2015 the Student reported that she met with the Board of Education and it agreed to provide an independent evaluation as requested. The Student therefore requested that the matter be dismissed without prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this matter is dismissed without prejudice.

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).

*Ann F Bird*

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Hearing Officer Signature

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Hearing Officer      Name in Print