

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Enfield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

Did the District err when it determined that Student's conduct was not a manifestation of Student's disability on December 7, 2015?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:**

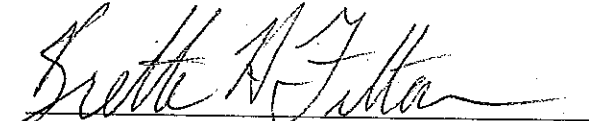
On February 4, 2016, the Board received an Expedited Special Education Due Process Hearing Request filed by Attorney for the Parents. Hearing Officer Bird was initially appointed to the matter, but recused herself. The undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed on February 5, 2016, after Hearing Officer Bird's recusal. During the prehearing conference held on February 7, 2016, hearing dates of March 2, 2016 and March 4, 2016 were set and the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established as March 18, 2016. On February 24, 2016, Attorney for the Parents withdrew Parents' Special Education Due Process Hearing Request.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

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