

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

East Hartford Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Linda Yoder, Esq.  
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Appearing before: Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Was the Board's evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, is Parent entitled to an independent education evaluation at public expense?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

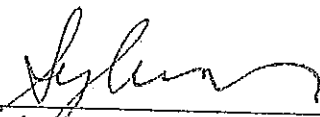
The Board brought the Due Process Complaint and Hearing Request on February 18, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 24, 2016. The Hearing Officer conducted a Prehearing Conference on March 10, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for April 22, 2016. The parties jointly requested that the mailing date be extended so that they could engage in mediation with a state appointed mediator. On April 18, 2016, the Board's attorney informed the Hearing Officer that Board was withdrawing its Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing because the Parents had notified the Board that they were withdrawing their request for an independent educational evaluation.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
Hearing Officer      Name in Print