

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Bristol Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Linda Yoder  
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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Should the Board conduct an Ecological Evaluation of the Student's environment at public expense?
2. Should the Board conduct an Independent Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) of the Student at public expense?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student has been identified as Other Health Impaired and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents requested an Independent Ecological Evaluation and an FBA of the Student. The Board refused the Parents' request. The Board filed for due process.


The parties agreed to go to a resolution meeting. The date for the resolution session was pending. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 4, 2016 and a pre-hearing conference was held on March 14, 2016. In an electronic transmission, the Board's attorney advised the hearing officer that the parties were able to resolve the issues and requested that the matter be withdrawn. There was no objection by the Parent. The withdrawal was granted. The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is April 15, 2016.

**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).

  
Hearing Officer Signature

Justino Rosado  
Hearing Officer Name in Print