

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Southington Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer appropriate programs for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years and 2015 and 2016 extended school years?
2. If not, is Ben Bronz Academy an appropriate placement?
3. If so, should the Board be required to financially support Student's placement at Ben Bronz Academy for the 2016-2017 school year?
4. If the Board did not offer appropriate program(s) and the placement at Ben Bronz is appropriate, should the Board be required to reimburse Parents for payments and tuition and education related expenses at Ben Bronz?
5. Do the circumstances warrant an award of compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:


The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on September 2, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on September 7, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on September 23, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for November 10, 2016. The hearing convened on November 10, 2016. The Parent's attorney reported that the parties had an agreement in principle and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint without prejudice.

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

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer Name in Print