

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Trumbull Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

The following issues have been identified for determination at the hearing:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a Free Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”), including her procedural rights, with regard to the January 9, 2019 Planning and Placement Team meeting?
 - a. If not, is the Easton Country Day School appropriate for the Student?
 - b. If so, should the Student be placed at the Easton Country Day School?
2. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student initiated this special education due process case on May 6, 2019. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on May 7, 2019. A Prehearing Conference was convened on May 30, 2019. Attorney Lawrence Berliner appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christine Sullivan appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case was July 19, 2019. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for July 18, 2019 and July 19, 2019.

On July 9, 2019 the Student requested a postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to August 16, 2019. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to accommodate the hearing

schedule. The Board of Education agreed to the requested postponement during the prehearing conference and it was granted.

On July 17, 2019, the Student requested that hearings of July 18, 2019 and July 19, 2019 be cancelled and that the matter be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The Student's request is granted and the matter is dismissed.