

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Monroe Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail to offer and/or provide the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for the 2016-17 – commencing March 2017, 2017-18, including extended school year?
2. Did the Board fail to offer and/or provide the Student FAPE for the 2018-19 school year?
3. If not, is the parents’ unilateral placement to Franklin Academy appropriate?
4. If the unilateral placement to Franklin Academy is appropriate, should the Board be required to pay the cost of tuition and related services?
5. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed the Due Process Hearing Complaint on March 1, 2019. The Hearing Officer was appointed on March 5, 2019. A Pre-Hearing Conference was held on March 21, 2019. Hearings were originally scheduled for May 3, 8, and 9, 2019. One continuation for settlement purposes was granted to extend the mailing date of the final memorandum of decision from May 15, 2019 to June 15, 2019. The Parent, withdrew their complaint with prejudice on May 31, 2019.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is DISMISSED.