

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer and/or provide the Student an appropriate program for the 2017-18 – from 10/22/2019 through the end of the school year, 2018-19 and/or 2019-20 school year?
2. If not, is the unilateral placement of the Student at the Windward School for the 2019-20 school year appropriate and should the Board be ordered to reimburse the Parents for the cost of the Windward School?
3. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Student is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (“IDEA”) §20 U. S. C. 1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statutes §10-76a et seq. The Parents filed the Due Process Hearing Complaint on October 21, 2019. The Hearing Officer was appointed on October 21, 2019. The pre-hearing conference was held on October 28, 2019. Counsel for the Student filed a motion for extension and postponement of the deadlines for the completing of the hearing and issuing the final decision. The Hearing dates for December 19, 2019 was continued to January 27, 2020 and the deadline for the mailing of the final decision was continued to February 3, 2020. The Parents withdrew their complaint on January 6, 2020.

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The matter is DISMISSED