

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. East Hartford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Does the Board's proposal to change the Student's placement to Woodland School constitute an illegal change of placement?
2. Is Woodland an appropriate program for the Student?
3. Is Synergy the current placement for Stay Put?

**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 30, 2019. The Hearing Officer was appointed on October 30, 2019. The pre-hearing conference was held on November 11, 2019. Hearings were scheduled for December 6, 2019 and December 17, 2019. Upon motion by the parties, the mailing date for the final memorandum of decision was extended to January 13, 2020. The Parents withdrew their complaint on December 3, 2019.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is DISMISSED