

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Westbrook Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board an appropriate program for the 2017-18 starting February 18, 2018, 2018-19, 2019-20 school years including the 2018 and 2019 extended school year?
2. If not, is placement at Watkinson School the appropriate program for the Student for the 2019-20 school year and should the Board be ordered to place the Student at Watkinson School for the 2019-20 school year?
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 Student initiated this special education due process case on February 18, 2020. The Hearing Officer was appointed on February 18, 2020. Pre-hearing conferences were held on March 6, 2020 and June 8, 2020. The original mailing date deadline for the final memorandum of decision was May 1, 2020. Subsequently, the parties requested that the hearings in this matter be continued given the Governor’s Executive Order 7-M and circumstances related to COVID-19. The mailing date of the final memorandum of decision was extended to August 15, 2020. Hearings were scheduled for July 22, 2020 and July 23, 2020. On July 8, 2020, the Student withdrew the request for due process.

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The matter is DISMISSED