

July 14, 2020

Final Decision and Order 20-0353

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Easton and Region 9 Boards of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Boards deny FAPE for the 2019-2020 school year by failing to implement or provide an appropriate IEP for the Student?
2. If so, should the Boards be ordered to residentially place the Student at Trinity-Pawling School?
3. Are the Parents entitled to other equitable relief, including transportation costs?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents brought their Hearing Request on February 13, 2020. The Hearing Officer was appointed February 19, 2020. A Prehearing Telephone Conference took place on March 2, 2020. A hearing on the matter was subsequently scheduled for May 11, 2020.

The hearing was cancelled on April 20, 2020, and the mailing date was extended until June 29, 2020. Due to the CORONA virus epidemic, the mailing date was again extended to July 29, 2020.

On July 8, 2020, the Parents informed the Hearing Officer that they were withdrawing their request for a Due Process Hearing with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**.