

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Greenwich Board of Education

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Appearing before: Raymond J. Rigat, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board deny FAPE for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years by failing to offer the Student an appropriate program, based on her unique needs, with ambitious goals in light of her circumstances, and in the highly structured, small, highly supported environment which she requires?
2. Did the Board deny FAPE for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years by failing to offer the Student an appropriate Transition Program based on her unique needs which would prepare her sufficiently for post-secondary education?
3. Did the Board deny procedural FAPE by failing to prepare the IEP in a timely manner?
4. Are the Parents entitled to reimbursement for any and all costs associated with their unilateral placement of the Student at La Europa in Murray, Utah, and the Winchendon School in Winchendon, Massachusetts, for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years?
5. Should the Board be ordered to effectuate residential placement at the Winchendon School?
6. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents brought their Hearing Request on October 21, 2020. The Hearing Officer was appointed October 26, 2020. A Prehearing Telephone Conference took place on October 30, 2020. A hearing on the matter was subsequently scheduled for December 9, 2020, and then rescheduled to December 22, 2020.

On December 14, 2020, the Parents informed the Hearing Officer that they were withdrawing their request for a Due Process Hearing with prejudice.

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The matter is **DISMISSED**.