

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional #18 Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Should the Student be found eligible for special education services?
2. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2018-19 (- commencing November 10, 2018), 2019-20, 2020-21 school years including 2019 and 2020 extended school years?
3. If not, is placement at Franklin Academy the appropriate program for the Student for the 2020-21 school year and should the Board be ordered to place the Student at Franklin Academy for the 2020-21 school year?

**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 November 20, 2020. The Hearing Officer was appointed on November 20, 2019 The Parents withdrew their complaint on November 20, 2020.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is DISMISSED.