

May 10, 2021

Case No. 21-0252

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Whether the District failed to provide the Student an appropriate program for the 2019-2020 school year and thus denied a Free and Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) to the Student;
2. Whether the District failed to provide the Student an appropriate program for the 2020-2021 school year and thus denied FAPE to the Student;
3. Whether the District should be ordered to provide the student with compensatory education for the District's denial of FAPE;
4. Whether the District should reimburse the Parents for all expenses incurred by them during the periods in question due to the District's denial of FAPE.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

The Student and the Parents filed a Request for Due Process Hearing (“Complaint”) on February 2, 2021 against the Stamford Board of Education. The undersigned Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned the case on February 2, 2021. A Prehearing Conference was held on February 9, 2021. The parties requested and engaged in mediation. The hearing date was set for March 18, 2021, with the date for mailing the final decision of April 19, 2021. On March 15, 2021, Counsel reported successful settlement efforts and requested an extension of time to finalize settlement documents. The hearing date was extended to April 19, 2021 and decision date to May 19, 2021. Additional extensions of the hearing dates were granted to April 30 and May 10, 2021, with the last date for mailing the final decision of June 10, 2021. On May 5, 2021 counsel reported that documents were received indicating the matter had been settled to the satisfaction of all parties and the request for due process was withdrawn with prejudice. Accordingly, the matter is dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The case is DISMISSED with prejudice.