

July 8, 2021

Final Decision and Order 21-0305

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Hearing Officer

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ISSUES:

1. Was the Student denied FAPE for ESY 2019, the 2019-2020 school year, ESY 2020, the 2020-2021 school year, ESY 2021, and the 2021-2022 school year?
2. If so, is the Montessori School of Greater Hartford an appropriate placement?
3. Are the Parents entitled to costs related to the Montessori School of Greater Hartford and Farmington Valley Academy Montessori School, including costs related to evaluations and home educational programming and related services?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on April 9, 2021. The Hearing Officer was appointed on April 13, 2021. A Prehearing Conference was scheduled for April 23, 2021. A hearing date was scheduled for June 23, 2021 and the Parties indicated they were proceeding with mediation. Prior to issuing a notice of hearing, the Hearing Officer was notified via email that the Parents were withdrawing their request for a Due Process Hearing.

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This case is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.