

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Berlin Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board conduct comprehensive evaluations of Student?
2. Did the Board offer an appropriate program in the least restrictive environment for the 2016-2017 school year?
3. Is the SMAP program at Griswold Elementary School appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

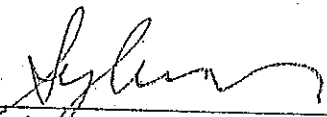
The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on August 15, 2016. The Hearing Officer was appointed on August 18, 2016 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on August 25, 2016. The hearing was scheduled for October 20, 2016. On October 12, the Hearing Officer granted the parties request to postpone the hearing to November 21, 2016 and extend the mailing date of the Final Decision to November 28, 2016 in order to continue good faith negotiations. On November 13, 2016, the Parents withdrew the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).



Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho

Hearing Officer

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