

FINAL DECISION

DISMISSAL FOR FAILURE TO

APPEAR

OAL DKT. NO. EDS 11780-18 AGENCY DKT. NO. 2019 28578

G.H. ON BEHALF OF A.H.,

Petitioner,

V.

CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Respondent.

G.H., petitioner, pro se

Robin Ballard, Esq., for respondent (Schenck, Price, Smith & King, L.L.P., attorneys)

Record Closed: September 4, 2018 Decided: September 5, 2018

BEFORE **LISA JAMES-BEAVERS**, Acting Director and Chief ALJ:

On May 30, 2018, petitioner filed a due process complaint with the Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs on behalf of the minor child A.H., disputing the Individualized Education Program (IEP), program, placement and related services proposed by respondent Cherry Hill Township Board of Education (Board). The matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for a due process

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hearing. The OAL received the matter on August 15, 2018 and an initial hearing was scheduled for August 30, 2018. Petitioner failed to appear on the scheduled date and has not called or written to the undersigned to explain his failure to appear.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that this appeal be and is hereby **DISMISSED** for petitioner's failure to responsibly appear and adequately respond in the matter.

This decision is final pursuant to 20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 1415(i)(1)(A) and 34 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 300.514 (2017) and is appealable by filing a complaint and bringing a civil action either in the Law Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey or in a district court of the United States. 20 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 1415(i)(2); 34 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 300.516 (2017). If the parent or adult student feels that this decision is not being fully implemented with respect to program or services, this concern should be communicated in writing to the Director, Office of Special Education Programs.

September 5, 2018	Orsa James - Beavers
DATE	LISA JAMES-BEAVERS Acting Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge
Date Received at Agency	
Date Mailed to Parties:	

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