

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPT.

v.

Case No: LL 15-15

J.M. [REDACTED]

ORDER

On July 13, 2015, the petitioner, East Providence School Department ("East Providence"), filed a due process complaint against the parents of J.M. regarding East Providence's refusal to pay for an independent education evaluation ("IEE") of J.M. The respondents were notified of the complaint and given an opportunity to respond.

Despite notice of the complaint and correspondence from the hearing officer inviting them to participate, the respondents have not communicated with East Providence or the hearing officer and have not filed any responsive pleading. Accordingly, East Providence filed a motion default J.M. with prejudice and extend the time of the decision in the matter to September 30, 2015.

Given that J.M. has not responded or otherwise defended against East Providence's denial of his IEE request, East Providence's request for a default judgment must be granted. Therefore, it is hereby ordered that J.M. is defaulted, East Providence's prayer for relief is granted, and J.M.'s request for an IEE is stricken.

So ordered.



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