BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2021020664

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO CHANGE MEDIATOR AND CANCEL MEDIATION

APRIL 1, 2021

On April 1, 2021, Enterprise filed a request to change the assigned mediator or in the alternative cancel mediation for April 2, 2021. Enterprise also indicated its intent to request a subsequent mediation with a different mediator if a change was not granted.

The Office of Administrative Hearings strongly encourages matters be resolved via mediation or alternate settlement means rather than proceed to hearing. To achieve this, one mediation is provided at public expense with a randomly assigned mediator. Individual requests for mediators can not be accommodated. Accordingly, Enterprise's request to change the assigned mediator is DENIED.

Enterprise also indicated that if the request could not be accommodated, the mediation should be cancelled and an additional request will be submitted at a later time. Parties are on notice that cancelling mediation to change mediators does not justify granting a request for a subsequent mediation as this matter has already been scheduled and assigned to a mediator. In light of that, OAH is declining to cancel the mediation already scheduled in the event this additional information warrants further consideration by the parties. If either party wants to cancel tomorrow's mediation after receiving this information, they are instructed to notify OAH as soon as possible. Additionally, the mediation scheduled for April 2, 2021, is CONFIRMED.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Joy Redmon

JOY REDMON
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings