BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY CHARTER 2.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2019090001

AMENDED ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DUE PROCESS HEARING DATES

On November 18, 2019, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Discovery Charter 2 filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a request to continue this matter, based upon the fact that counsel for both agencies is scheduled to appear in a due process hearing in an earlier-filed matter on the same dates as now set for the hearing in this matter. Student informed OAH on November 19, 2019, that he has no objection to the requested continuance.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good

cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance or imposing conditions on the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference will be held on January 17, 2020, at 10 a.m.

Due Process Hearing will be held on January 28, 29 and 30, 2020. The hearing shall begin at 9:30 AM the first day, and at 9:00 AM on all other days unless otherwise ordered. The hearing shall continue day to day, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

The parties shall immediately notify all potential witnesses of the hearing dates, and shall subpoena witnesses if necessary, to ensure their availability to testify. Good

cause for witness unavailability is not established by failing to properly notify or subpoena a witness. Prehearing conference statements and motions are due to OAH no later than three business days before the prehearing conference or with evidence of good cause why it was not possible to file the motion by that date.

The parties have not yet requested mediation. They are encouraged to do so, and to request a date that is consistent with the schedule set in this order and would not require a further continuance.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 19, 2019

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Charles Marson
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings