BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Consolidated Matters of: BONSALL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, v. PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,	OAH Case No. 2016080681
PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. BONSALL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.	OAH Case No. 2016070664 ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On November 16, 2016, District filed a request to continue the Prehearing Conference in this matter from November 18, 2016 to November 21, 2016 on the grounds the attorneys for both parties are currently engaged in a Due Process Hearing in a different matter. On November 18, 2016, Student filed a non-opposition.

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. (See 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; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See 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. The November 18, 2016 Prehearing Conference is continued to 10:00 a.m. on November 21, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: November 18, 2016

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Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings