BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.	OAH Case No. 2015100577 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DISQUALIFICATION AND ORDER ASSIGNING NEW ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

On February 2, 2016, Administrative Law Judge Lisa Lunsford heard the first day of hearing in this matter. That same day, an improper ex parte communication was sent to the Office of Administrative Hearings, authored by Becky Bryant, the Special Education Local Plan Area director for Sacramento City Unified School District. ALJ Lunsford was not aware of the communication at the time it was sent. The hearing resumed on February 3, 2016. The morning of February 4, 2016, prior to the commencement of the hearing, ALJ Lunsford was informed that there was a communication in the case which needed her attention. The matter was continued on the record until February 9, 2016.

After the matter was continued, ALJ Lunsford was given a copy of the improper ex parte communication and the notice regarding the disclosure of the communication, which was served on the parties on February 4, 2016. No action was taken by OAH regarding the allegations contained in the improper ex parte communication. After reviewing the improper ex parte communication, ALJ Lunsford disqualified herself from hearing this matter.

This matter will reconvene on February 9, 2016, and is now assigned to ALJ Andrea Miles. When the matter reconvenes, the parties will be given an opportunity to be heard regarding the ex parte communication and any other issues, which have arisen based upon these circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February 5, 2016

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings