BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

MENDOCINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025040010

ORDER DENYING DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

APRIL 28, 2025

On April 28, 2025, Mendocino Unified School District filed a notice of peremptory challenge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, to Administrative Law Judge Paul Kamoroff. An Administrative Law Judge is called ALJ. Mendocino's peremptory challenge is made pursuant to Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), of the Administrative Procedures Act, and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034.

Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), establishes the criteria for disqualification of the presiding officer. A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge, also called disqualification without cause, to an ALJ assigned to an OAH hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).)

Mendocino's peremptory challenge is denied pursuant to Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivisions (a) and (b). On April 7, 2025, OAH granted Mendocino's peremptory challenge of ALJ Theresa Ravandi. Mendocino is only entitled to one peremptory challenge in this case. The case will proceed as scheduled with ALJ Paul Kamoroff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Tara Doss

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings