BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

# IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

# PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT

# AND

# CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

# OAH CASE NUMBER 2025110384

# OAH CASE NUMBER 2025120687

# ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

DECEMBER 23, 2025

On November 5, 2025, Parent on behalf of Student filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2025110384, Student's Case, naming Capistrano Unified School District.

On December 12, 2025, Capistrano Unified School District filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2025120687, Capistrano's Case, naming Student. On December 12, 2025, Capistrano filed a Motion to Consolidate the cases. Student did not file a response to the motion.

## CONSOLIDATION

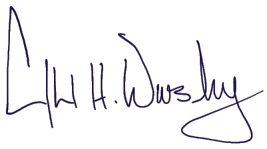
No statute or regulation specifically provides a standard to be applied in deciding a motion to consolidate special education cases. However, OAH will generally consolidate matters that involve the same parties, a common question of law and/or fact, and when consolidation of the matters furthers the interests of judicial economy by saving time or preventing inconsistent rulings. (See Gov. Code, § 11507.3, subd. (a) [administrative proceedings may be consolidated if they involve a common question of law or fact]; Code of Civ. Proc., § 1048, subd. (a) [same applies to civil cases].)

Here, both cases involve a common question of law or fact. Student's Case includes a request for an Order that Capistrano Unified fund independent educational evaluations. Capistrano's Case seeks a determination that its assessments were legally appropriate and that Student is not entitled to public funding of its independent education evaluations. Student has not opposed the motion. Here, consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy by having the common issues determined in one hearing. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

## ORDER

1. Capistrano Unified School District's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Capistrano's Case, OAH case number 2025120687, are vacated.
3. The 45-day timeline for issuance of the decision in the consolidated cases shall be based on the date of the filing of the complaint in Student's Case, OAH case number 2025110384.
4. The mediation, prehearing conference, and due process hearing, as scheduled in Student's Case, shall now apply to these consolidated cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Clifford H. Woosley

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings