BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026060114

ORDER DETERMINING DUE PROCESS COMPLAINT SUFFICIENT

JUNE 17, 2026

On June 1, 2026, Parents on behalf of Student filed a due process hearing request with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Vista Unified School District, called Vista Unified. On June 17, 2026, Vista Unified filed a notice of insufficiency to Student's due process hearing request.

The named parties have the right to challenge the complaint's sufficiency. (20 U.S.C. § 1415(b) & (c).) The party filing the complaint is not entitled to a hearing unless the complaint meets the requirements of title 20 United States Code section 1415(b)(7)(A).

The complaint is deemed sufficient unless a party notifies OAH and the other party in writing within 15 days of receiving the complaint that the party believes the complaint has not met the notice requirements. (20 U.S.C. § 1415(c)(2)(C); Ed. Code, § 56502, subd. (d)(1).)

Vista Unified argued that it timely filed the notice of insufficiency on June 16, 2026. However, Vista Unified's notice of insufficiency was filed on June 16, 2026, at 5:08 PM, after OAH close of business at 5:00 PM. Unlike some jurisdictions, OAH requires electronic filings due by close of business, or it is deemed filed the next OAH business day. OAH deemed Vista Unified's notice of insufficiency filed on June 17, 2026. Since OAH received the notice of insufficiency more than 15 days after it received Student's request for due process hearing, Vista Union's notice of insufficiency was not timely filed. Thus, Student's complaint is sufficient.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Cynthia Fritz

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Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings