BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Consolidated Matters of: PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,	OAH Case No. 2014120050
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, v. PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.	OAH Case No. 2015030389 ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, CONTINUING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

On March 23, 2015, a telephonic prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Clifford H. Woosley, Office of Administrative Hearings. Attorneys Surisa Rivers and Sarah Gross appeared on behalf of Student. Attorneys Ricardo Silva and Karin M. Anderson appeared on behalf of Monrovia Unified School District. The PHC was recorded.

Parties' Joint Request for Continuance

The parties jointly requested continuance of the hearing, which is scheduled for March 30, 2015. The hearing is in the midst of the District's spring break and a prepaid vacation by Student's family. Accordingly, good cause exists for this first continuance of the consolidated matters.

The parties agreed upon new hearing dates of May 4 through 7, 2015. However, a witness necessary to District's ability to fully present its case would then be unavailable. Witness Adlina Minassi-Duggan will have departed for maternity/family leave; her last week of availability is the week of April 13, 2015. Therefore, both parties stipulated to April 14, 2015, as a date upon which Ms. Duggan may testify.

District provided an offer of proof as to the significance of Ms. Duggan's testimony. District demonstrated that its ability to fully present its case would be compromised if Ms.

Duggan is unable to testify. Further, Student's counsel convincingly demonstrated that Student and his counsel are unable to proceed with the hearing following the requested April 14, 2015, testimony of Ms. Duggan. Accordingly, good cause also exists to convene the hearing on April 14, 2015, and then continue the hearing to May 2015.

However, April 14, 2015, shall not be for the sole purpose of taking Ms. Duggan's testimony but will be the first day of hearing. The parties shall prepare for a full day of hearing, including the presentation of additional witnesses, as necessary. Also, since April 14, 2015, will be the first day of hearing, the matter will be scheduled for three, not four, additional hearing days in May 2015.

Good cause appearing, the joint request for continuance is granted. The continued prehearing conference and hearing are scheduled as follows:

Prehearing Conference:	1:00 p.m., April 6, 2015 (telephonic)
Due Process Hearing:	April 14, 2015, and May 5, 6, and 7, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m., except for April 14 and May 5, 2015, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. The hearing shall take place at District's offices, located at 15151 Palm Avenue, Hacienda Heights, California 91745.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: March 23, 2015

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CLIFFORD H. WOOSLEY
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings