BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025080066

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR MEDIATION ONLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE

DECEMBER 12, 2025

On November 26, 2025, OAH granted the parties' joint motion for a continuance of the prehearing conference and the due process hearing in this matter. That Order continued the prehearing conference to January 26, 2026, and the hearing to February 3, 4 and 5, 2026. The Order encouraged the parties to request a mediation date promptly if they desired to engage in mediation.

On December 11, 2025, the parties jointly requested a mediation only, to be set for Monday, December 15, 2025.

A mediation only is available before, or in the absence of, a due process filing. It is not available if a due process complaint is pending. In addition, a Thursday request

for a Monday mediation does not allow OAH sufficient time to calendar and staff the mediation. OAH cannot accommodate the request.

The parties are encouraged to request a mediation that fits within the schedule set forth in the Order of November 26, 2025. That Order leaves ample time for mediation without the necessity of another continuance. Given the time of year, a request allowing OAH two weeks to arrange the mediation is much more likely to succeed.

The parties' request for mediation only is therefore denied without prejudice. The prehearing conference and due process hearing dates set by the Order of November 26, 2025, are confirmed and will proceed as calendared.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Charles Marson

Charles Marson
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings