

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Consolidated Matters of:	
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,	OAH Case No. 2014050486
v.	
GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,	
GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,	OAH Case No. 2014030455
v.	
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

On March 11, 2014, the Glendale Unified School District (District) filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) case number 2014030455 (First Case), naming Parents on behalf of Student (Student).

On May 12, 2014, Student filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2014050486 (Second Case), naming District.

On May 13, the parties jointly filed a Motion to Consolidate the First Case with the Second Case.

Consolidation

Although no statute or regulation specifically provides a standard to be applied in deciding a motion to consolidate special education cases, OAH will generally consolidate matters that involve: a common question of law and/or fact; the same parties; 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, the First Case and Second Case involve a common question of law or fact, including similar questions related to Student's education needs and program. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. The joint Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. All dates previously set in OAH Case Number 2014030455 (First Case) are vacated.
3. The consolidated cases shall now be heard on the dates currently set in OAH Case Number 2014050486 (Second Case), unless otherwise ordered.
4. 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 OAH Case Number 2014050486.

DATE: May 14, 2014

/s/

PAUL H. KAMOROFF
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings