

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT; LOS
ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
EDUCATION; AND SOUTHWEST SELPA

OAH CASE NO. 2014031045

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND CONTINUING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
DUE PROCESS HEARING

On May 12, 2014, a telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) was held before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Elsa H. Jones, Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Mark Ohl, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Parents and Student (collectively, Student). Constance M. Taylor, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Hawthorne School District (District). Courtney M. Brady, Deputy General Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the Southwest Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). The PHC was recorded.

Based on discussion with the parties, the ALJ issues the following Order

1. Hearing Dates, Times, and Location. The hearing is continued on joint motion of the parties and shall take place on August 11, 2014, through August 14, 2014, and continuing day to day thereafter, Monday through Thursday as needed, at the discretion of the ALJ. Unless otherwise ordered, the hearing shall begin each day at 9:00 a.m., with the exception of the first day of hearing, on which day the hearing shall begin at 1:30 p.m.

The hearing shall take place at the District's offices located at 14120 South Hawthorne Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90250.

The parties shall immediately notify all potential witnesses of the hearing dates, and shall subpoena witnesses if necessary, to ensure that the witnesses will be available to testify. A witness will not be regarded as unavailable for purposes of showing "good cause" to continue the hearing if the witness was not properly notified of the hearing date or properly subpoenaed, as applicable.

2. Continued PHC. The telephonic PHC is continued to August 4, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. OAH will initiate the conference call. All parties have filed PHC Statements. No additional PHC Statements need be filed unless required by law due to changed circumstances or due to the need to present new or different material.

3. Settlement. The parties are encouraged to continue working together to reach an agreement before the due process hearing. The parties shall inform OAH in writing immediately should they reach a settlement or otherwise resolve the dispute before the scheduled hearing. In addition, if a settlement is reached within five days of the scheduled start of the due process hearing, the parties shall also inform OAH of the settlement by telephone at (916) 263-0880.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 12, 2014

/s/

ELSA H. JONES
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings