

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014050984

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST
FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
DUE PROCESS HEARING

On June 30, 2014, the parties jointly filed a second request to continue the hearing dates in this matter because the dates set by the Office of Administrative Hearings in response to their first request for continuance conflicted with the parties' calendars. The original date for hearing was July 16, 2014, and the first continuance was set for September 16-18, 2014.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. The request is reasonable because it is within 90 days of the original date set for hearing. The matter shall be set as follows:

Mediation:	July 16, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. (confirmed)
Prehearing Conference:	September 29, 2014 at 3:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	October 7, 2014 at 9:30 AM, and October 8 and 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 1, 2014

/s/
ADRIENNE L. KRIKORIAN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings