

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014061177

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

On August 5, 2014, the parties jointly filed a request to continue the dates in this matter in order to mediate the case before hearing. The initial hearing date is August 13, 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 requested dates are within ninety days of the original hearing date and are therefore reasonable. However, the parties have requested dates that are not consistent with the dates on which OAH schedules matters. OAH offers mediation on Tuesday through Thursday; holds prehearing conferences on Mondays and Fridays; and conducts hearings on Monday through Thursday.

Accordingly, this matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	September 16, 2014 at 9:30 AM - please note change of date from date requested.
Prehearing Conference:	November 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM – please note change of date from date requested.
Due Process Hearing:	November 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., November 18, 19, 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., and November 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise ordered, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. Please note change of date for the last day of hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: August 5, 2014

/s/

ADRIENNE L. KRIKORIAN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings