

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2014050836

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

On August 18, 2014, the parties filed a request to continue the prehearing conference and hearing dates in this matter, and to schedule a mediation date. The parties represent that they have executed an interim settlement agreement that includes conducting assessments, and convening an individualized education program meeting by October 31, 2014. This is the second request to continue the hearing date.

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).) The Office of Administrative Hearings 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. **However, this matter has been pending since May 16, 2014, and no further continuances will be granted absent a showing of exceptional good cause.**
All dates are vacated.

Mediation:	November 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.
Prehearing Conference:	December 1, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.
Due Process Hearing:	December 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., December 10-11, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: August 18, 2014

/s/

THERESA RAVANDI
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings