

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2014120778

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

On February 18, 2015, the parties filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a request to continue the dates in this matter. Although this is the parties' first request for a continuance, Student was granted leave to file an amended complaint on January 29, 2015, which reset the timelines.

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. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: April 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Due Process Hearing: May 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. and May 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February 18, 2015

/s/

THERESA RAVANDI
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

¹ OAH declines to add Friday, May 8, 2015, as a hearing day, although the parties may renew this request with the hearing ALJ at the PHC.