

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2015060593

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

On July 2, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the mediation, prehearing conference and hearing dates in this matter. This is the first continuance request since the filing of the complaint on June 1, 2015.

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 continuance and considered all relevant facts and circumstances, including the parties' collaboration in agreeing upon continued dates. Good cause existing therefore, the request is granted.

All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:

July 22, 2015, at 9:30 AM, at the District's
offices, located at 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi
Valley, California 93065.

Prehearing Conference: October 16, 2015, at 1:00 PM.

Due Process Hearing: October 27, 28, and 29, 2015, commencing at 9:30 AM. The hearing shall continue day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. The hearing shall take place at the District's offices, located at 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, California 93065.

NOTE: The parties also requested hearing on October 26, 2015. However, this date is unavailable on the OAH calendar because of special education administrative law judge training. The parties may discuss additional hearing days at the prehearing conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 02, 2015

/s/

CLIFFORD H. WOOSLEY
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings