

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015060543

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

On July 1, 2015, Irvine Unified School District filed a request with the Office of Administrative Hearings to continue the initially set dates in this matter based upon the unavailability of District's legal counsel and District witnesses. Student did not submit a response.

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. District established good cause to continue this matter to October 13 through 15, 2015, due to the unavailability of District's counsel because of jury duty and then previously scheduled hearings. Additionally, District established by declaration the unavailability of District witnesses due to preplanned vacations. Finally, District attempted

to obtain mutually agreeable hearing dates from Student's legal counsel. Therefore, all dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference:	October, 5, 2015, at 1:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	October 13, 2015, at 9:00 AM, October 14 and 15, 2015, at 9:00 AM, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. This matter is assigned to Administrative Law Judge Robert Helfand.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 7, 2015

/s/
PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings