

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH Case No. 2015111071

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND GRANTING
MOTION TO CONTINUE
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
DUE PROCESS HEARING

On December 14, 2015, a telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) was held before Administrative Law Judge Christine Arden, Office of Administrative Hearings. Geoffrey Winterowd, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Torrance Unified School District (District). Parents did not appear on behalf of Student. The PHC was recorded.

Based upon discussion with the parties, the ALJ issues the following order:

1. Request for Continuance of PHC and Hearing. On December 11, 2015, District filed a Motion to Continue Prehearing Conference and Due Process Hearing. Student did not oppose the motion. 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. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Speedy resolution of the due process hearing is mandated by law and continuance of the hearing may be granted only upon a showing of good cause. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).)

District established good cause for a continuance of the PHC and the due process hearing. It further appears, based on the Declaration of Brittany Odom, given in support of the District's Motion, that parents do not oppose. Therefore, the District's Motion to Continue Prehearing Conference and Due Process Hearing is granted and the PHC and due process hearing are continued to dates set forth below.

2. Hearing Dates, Times, and Location. The PHC shall take place on February 29, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., and the due process hearing shall take place on March 9, 10, 14 and 15, 2016, at the District's offices, located at 2335 Plaza del Amo, Torrance California 90509. The hearing shall begin at 9:30 a.m. on the first day of the hearing, and at 9:00 a.m. all other days, except the hearing shall begin at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2015, unless otherwise ordered.

3. Amended Scheduling Order. It appears that parents may not have received the Scheduling Order and Notice of Due Process Hearing and Mediation (Scheduling Order),

which OAH served on parents on November 30, 2015, via first class U.S. Mail. On December 4, 2015, District filed a Notice of Errata with OAH, giving notice of a corrected address for parents. Therefore, an Amended Scheduling Order and Notice of Due Process Hearing, reflecting the continued dates and times for the PHC and the due process hearing, will issue and be served on both parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: December 14, 2015

/s/

CHRISTINE ARDEN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings