

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

AND

PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026060879

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080060

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 7, 2026

On June 17, 2026, Parents on behalf of Student filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026060879, Student's Case, naming Porterville Unified School District.

On July 31, 2026, Porterville Unified School District filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026080060, Porterville's Case, naming Parents on behalf of Student. On July 31, 2026, Student also filed a Motion to Consolidate Student's Case and Palo Alto's Case.

Student did not file a response to the motion.

CONSOLIDATION

No statute or regulation specifically provides a standard to be applied in deciding a motion to consolidate special education cases. However, OAH will generally consolidate matters that involve the same parties, a common question of law and/or fact, and when consolidation of the matters furthers the interests of judicial economy by saving time or preventing inconsistent rulings. (See Gov. Code, § 11507.3, subd. (a) [administrative proceedings may be consolidated if they involve a common question of law or fact]; Code of Civ. Proc., § 1048, subd. (a) [same applies to civil cases].)

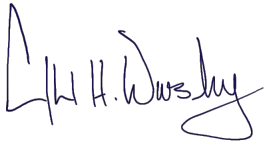
Here, both cases involve a common question of law or fact. Porterville's Case seeks an Order finding that its March 3, 2026, multidisciplinary initial assessment was legally appropriate, so that it is not obligated to fund Student's requested psychoeducational independent educational evaluation. Student's Case asserts that Porterville failed to appropriately assess Student and improperly determined that Student was not eligible for special education. Both cases concern Porterville's multidisciplinary assessment. Both cases involve similar legal issues and factual disputes, which involve the same documentary and testimonial evidence. Consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy. Student did not oppose consolidation. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. Porterville Unified School District's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case, OAH case number 2026060879, is designated as the primary case.
3. All dates previously set in Palo Alto's Case, OAH case number 2026080060, are vacated.

4. The September 9, 2026 mediation, scheduled in the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026060879, shall remain on calendar for these consolidated cases.
5. The scheduled prehearing conference and hearing dates in the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026060879, shall apply to these consolidated cases.
6. The 45-day timeline for issuance of the decision in the consolidated cases shall be based on the date of the filing of the complaint in the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026060879.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford H. Woosley". The signature is stylized with a large initial "C" and "W".

Clifford H. Woosley

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings