

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

and

LAKESIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026071318

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026050848

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 12, 2026

On May 20, 2026, Lakeside Union School District filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026050848, Lakeside Union's Case, naming Student.

On July 30, 2026, Student filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026071318, Student's Case, naming Lakeside Union.

On August 7, 2026, Student filed a Motion to Consolidate the cases.

On August 12, 2026, Lakeside Union filed a Notice of Non-objection to consolidation.

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, specifically, the validity of assessments, and relation to Student's issues of denial of a free appropriate public education. Lakeside Union does not oppose the motion. In addition, consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy because both cases involve the same witnesses and evidence. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. Student's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Lakeside Union's Case, OAH case number 2026050818, are vacated.
3. The consolidated cases will proceed on the dates set in Student's Case, OAH case number 2026071318.

4. 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 Student's Case, OAH case number 2026071318.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings