

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080630

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

AUGUST 27, 2026

On August 14, 2026, Student filed a request for a due process hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Redondo Beach Unified School District. OAH designated the matter as requiring an expedited hearing and issued a scheduling order setting the expedited prehearing conference on August 28, 2026, and the expedited hearing on September 9 and 10, 2026.

On August 24, 2026, Student filed a request to continue the August 28, 2026, expedited prehearing conference based on Student's counsel's unavailability due to her attendance at an out-of-state funeral for a family member. The request was supported by Student's counsel's sworn declaration. On August 25, 2026, Redondo Beach filed an expedited prehearing conference statement stating their non-opposition.

OAH is mandated to conduct an expedited due process hearing within 20 school days of the date the hearing is requested. (20 USC § 1415(k)(4)(B).) OAH calendars prehearing conferences to be conducted and an Order Following Prehearing Conference issued sufficiently in advance of the hearing so the parties are on notice of all hearing related requirements. Thus, continuing the prehearing conference would require continuing the due process hearing to ensure it is held sufficiently in advance of the hearing. Granting the requested continuance would result in delay of the expedited hearing beyond 20 school days from Student's request for hearing. Accordingly, the request for continuance of the prehearing conference is denied. All prehearing conference and due process hearing dates are confirmed and will proceed as calendared.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings