

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026070435

ORDER DENYING, IN PART, DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY'S
REQUEST TO APPEAR REMOTELY AT MEDIATION

AUGUST 12, 2026

On August 6, 2026, Sweetwater Union High School District's attorney, Jonathan Read, requested to appear remotely via Zoom, at the August 14, 2026 in-person mediation for this case because he will not be in California. Attorney Read indicated his associate Grady Jensen and Sweetwater's representatives would appear in person.

Attorney Read's request is denied. The Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, granted the in-person mediation as a reasonable accommodation to Parent. OAH did not authorize hybrid mediation, where some parties appear in person and others appear remotely. This would create logistical issues for the Administrative Law Judge conducting the mediation who will be walking back and forth between the parties'

mediation rooms. While OAH is unwilling to accommodate Attorney Read's request to appear via Zoom, Attorney Read may coordinate with his associate Jensen or Sweetwater's representatives to appear by telephone.

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings